

Rehabilitation Counselor

Background –

Rehabilitation Counselors work with clients to maximize the client's independence and employability. Generally, someone referred for rehabilitation counseling is coping with personal, social or vocational difficulties that result from illness, disease or stress of daily life. As a counselor you would coordinate care at a treatment facility, assess the needs of the client and implement programs that address personal and vocational goals of the client.

What do Rehabilitation Counselors make annually? \$34,670*

What classes at GVSU may help me in my future as a Rehabilitation Counselor? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **PSY 303** – Psychopathology
2. **PSY 326** – Intellectual Disabilities
3. **PSY 364** – Life Span Development
4. **PSY 367** – Health Psychology
5. **PSY 368** – Physical Disabilities

What additional education is required to become a Rehabilitation Counselors?

1. Michigan requires that rehab counselors are LPCs
2. Master's programs that hold approved accreditation are recognized as license qualifying in the state (e.g., Rehabilitation Counseling programs)
3. Internship that is no less than 600 hours
4. Supervised Practice Requirement – those without a Master's you must work under someone for 2 years and 3,000 hours
5. Exam – must be approved by Michigan
6. More information - <https://www.counselor-license.com/become-a-rehabilitation-counselor/michigan-rehabilitation-counselor.html#education>

What skills are applicable to this field of work? Active listening, social perceptiveness, monitoring, speaking, critical thinking, oral comprehension & expression and written communication are skills that are important for Rehabilitation Counselors.

Employer Possibilities –Generally work in community and vocational rehabilitation facilities, individual's homes, state or local governmental agencies, and nursing facilities.

The National Rehabilitation Association - <https://nationalrehab.org/Default.aspx>