

# Graduate School Tip Sheet

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## Introduction

Per the Montana VRBS Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Agreement, you must complete coursework that qualifies you to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor exam administered by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CCRC). Once you are qualified to sit for the exam, taking it is optional. Please see the CSPD agreement.

For those not yet qualified to sit for the exam, a thorough review of graduate school programs and scholarship information is necessary. This tip sheet is a summary of information to help guide you through the process. However, since information can change, **it is the responsibility of the employee/student to verify both academic requirements and scholarship information directly with their program of choice.** Also, please be aware that schools administer RSA scholarship funds differently. Some schools pay tuition, fees and a stipend while others only pay tuition and fees. Regardless, it is important that the school has RSA scholarship funds to cover tuition for the student's **entire** program. Please be sure to confirm all information.

## Instructions

1. **Gather your transcripts.**
2. **Determine your CRCC Eligibility Category:** Compare your transcripts to the CRCC [eligibility categories](#) listed on the CRCC site to determine which category you qualify under.
3. **Select a graduate program:** Review the graduate programs listed below to determine which will best suite your needs. It is strongly suggested that you visit the websites of each program as well as contact the program directly with questions to ensure that you have an accurate understanding of the most current requirements and scholarship availability.
4. **Complete your CSPD Agreement:** Consult your supervisor and the VRBS Quality Assurance Officer when completing the agreement.

## **Master's Degree Programs**

The following programs can assist you in meeting the education requirements for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor credential under CRCC eligibility category one.

### **Auburn University**

#### **Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Online Option**

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes, for year two

### **Virginia Commonwealth University**

#### **Master's in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling**

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

### **University of Wisconsin-Stout**

#### **M.S. Rehabilitation Counseling**

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

### **George Washington University**

#### **Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling**

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 48 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## St. Cloud State University

### Rehabilitation Counseling (M.S.)

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 48 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## San Diego State University

### Rehabilitation Counseling Program

- Program length: 2.5 to 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## University of Arkansas Little Rock

### Rehabilitation Counseling Program

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes
- Not current accepting new students as of 8-20-21

## Illinois Institute of Technology

### Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (M.S.)

- Program length: 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## University of Alabama

### MA in Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## Assumption University

### Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes, covers 27 of 60 credits

## Albany State University

### Counselor Education, Master of Education

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## Winston-Salem University

### Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2.5 to 3 years
- Total credits: 63 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

## UMASS Boston

### Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 61 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes