

# Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling, MS

**Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling graduates?**

South Central Mental Health Center	Vocational Rehabilitation & Blind Services, MT DPHHS	Yellowstone Girls & Boys Ranch
AWARE, Inc.	Rimrock Foundation	Riverstone Health
Alternatives, Inc.	Shodair Children's Hospital	Beautiful Directions

**What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals\* working in the of Rehab & Mental Health Counseling field?**

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	\$53,470 - \$61,780	\$78,440 x 39 yrs = \$3,059,160
Behavioral Health Therapist	\$39,400 - \$61,820	\$53,710 x 39 yrs = \$2,094,690
Certified Rehabilitation Counselor	\$36,590 - \$47,680	\$44,040 x 39 yrs = \$1,727,560
Mental Health Counselor	\$39,400 - \$61,820	\$53,710 x 39 yrs = \$2,094,690
Licensed Addiction Counselor	\$39,400 - \$61,820	\$53,710 x 39 yrs = \$2,094,690

\* Based on the 2023 state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

**What percentage of graduates report having a job after graduating?**

Out of the 59% of 2024 graduates who responded to MSUB'S Graduate Survey, **100% reported being employed\* after graduation.**

\* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

**Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:**

- Clinical Psychologist, PhD
- Marriage & Family Therapist
- Music or Art Therapist
- Hypnotherapist

**Not sure if this degree is for you?**

1) Job Shadow or complete an occupational interview with a professional licensed clinician in the counseling field.

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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# CLINICAL REHABILITATION AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, M.S.

## Overview of the program:

The Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (MSCRMHC) degree program offers a rigorous curriculum of live and online coursework and fieldwork experiences designed to prepare graduates for state licensure eligibility and national certification.

The program is fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for Rehabilitation Counseling. CACREP accreditation standards are carried out through continued curriculum development and implementation, fostering relationships between students and faculty, and competitive staffing of the programs. Students benefit by participating in a program that is nationally recognized for its quality and high academic standards.

Students enrolling in the distance education program come to the Montana State University Billings campus for two classes, REHA 523 Advanced Group Counseling and REHA 590 Prepracticum. These classes are offered summer semester as a hybrid course with three on campus days and the balance online to accommodate working professionals. Practicum and internship experiences can be arranged in local communities with the availability of a qualified supervisor and site.

## What makes the program unique?

While there are many counselor education programs to choose from, our flexible delivery options allow students more choice than the traditional online or in-person programs. Some courses are offered in flexible formats that accommodate working professionals or students with family or personal responsibilities. The program blends the benefits of direct and individualized instruction in a classroom environment with the flexibility of learning on a schedule that works for students. We strive to not lecture at students about academic concepts but, instead, apply those concepts in a way that lets them bring in their experience, share it with others, and grow the skill-sets of effective counselors. Since our student body is relatively diverse in terms of future career paths and professional backgrounds, this approach allows students to learn more about the real communities in which they live.

## What do students most like about the program?

Students like that the program gives them the flexibility to pursue many different career paths. Students often enter the program with some idea of what they can do with their education, but, along the way, they learn a great deal more about other options and the real environment of therapeutic mental health or vocational rehabilitation work. We also hear that the flexibility to attend classes both in-person and online is something that students appreciate. Finally, our program gives them an opportunity to acquire a license or certification and supports their personal development to make them better people and counselors. In other words, students love that it makes them better.



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