

Priority 2

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
UNC-GA Mission Review
Academic Program Development Form

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: Allied Health Sciences DEPARTMENT: Rehabilitation Studies

API DISCIPLINE SPECIALTY TITLE: Rehabilitation Counseling

API DISCIPLINE SPECIALTY NUMBER: 1281

LEVEL: Bachelor X Master 1st professional Doctoral

PROPOSED YEAR OF: Establishment 1992 Deletion Redesign

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM AND RELATIONSHIP TO INSTITUTIONAL MISSION AND UNIT VISION:

See attached sheet.

RATIONALE FOR PROGRAM ADDITION/DELETION/REDESIGN:

See attached sheet.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS:

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Black	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
White	0	4	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Other	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total	0	5	10	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

Percent non-resident: 5

ADDITIONAL FACULTY AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS:

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

YEAR: 1992

Category	Reallocation of Unit Resources	Self-supporting funds (grants and contracts)	Additional Allocations	Total
Personnel	0	0	0	0
Operating	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0
Computing	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: (Continued)

YEAR: 1993

Category	Reallocation of Unit Resources	Self-supporting funds (grants and contracts)	Additional Allocations	Total
Personnel				0
Operating				0
Library				0
Computing				0
Other				0
Total	0	0	0	0

YEAR: 1994

Category	Reallocation of Unit Resources	Self-supporting funds (grants and contracts)	Additional Allocations	Total
Personnel				0
Operating				0
Library				0
Computing				0
Other				0
Total	0	0	0	0

YEAR: 1995

Category	Reallocation of Unit Resources	Self-supporting funds (grants and contracts)	Additional Allocations	Total
Personnel				0
Operating				0
Library				0
Computing				0
Other				0
Total	0	0	0	0

New B.S. Program: Rehabilitation Studies

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM & RELATIONSHIP TO INSTITUTIONAL MISSION & UNIT VISION:

The Department of Rehabilitation Studies currently provides M.S. degree programs in Rehabilitation Counseling, Vocational Evaluation and Substance Abuse Counseling and an undergraduate minor in Alcohol/Drug Studies. The initiation of a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Studies is a continuance of our plan to provide a complete program in rehabilitation studies. The undergraduate degree would consist of a liberal arts prerequisite with focus on rehabilitation and related human services knowledge and practice during the final two years of the degree. The program will utilize existing course work in rehabilitation, psychology, social work, sociology and community health to provide relevant support. Additional course work on rehabilitation practice and human services would be added to this general education background. The current courses associated with the undergraduate minor will be utilized to provide an additional focus in substance abuse.

This degree program would further support the School of Allied Health Sciences' mission to meet manpower needs in health related professions in North Carolina. There is a chronic shortage of trained entry-level professionals and paraprofessionals in rehabilitation and human services work settings and this program will enable the department to attract and train greater numbers of rehabilitation professionals at the B.S. degree level. The program would also add a highly visible and attractive career option at the B.S. degree level, thereby enhancing the university's ability to accomplish its general mission of providing education and training for a wide range of professional fields. East Carolina University has a tradition of meeting the need for professional education in North Carolina and this B.S. degree program would provide needed entry level practitioners in rehabilitation and related mental health and health care fields.

RATIONALE FOR PROGRAM ADDITION:

The Bachelor of Sciences degree program is needed to provide full development of the academic program and meet the demands for entry-level rehabilitation and human services professionals in the field. The Department of Rehabilitation Studies has existed at the graduate level only, drawing students primarily from undergraduate programs in psychology, sociology, education and social work. The B.S. degree program in rehabilitation studies would increase the pool of qualified applicants for the graduate program and allow the provision of a "uniform body of knowledge" in rehabilitation at the undergraduate level. The development of the B.S. degree program will also provide practitioners for the many entry level rehabilitation and mental health professional service roles.

The need for rehabilitation professionals at the undergraduate degree level has become a focus of national attention. A recent nationwide

study of training and manpower needs in rehabilitation found a high need for expansion of training at the undergraduate degree level. The U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration recently completed the final report National Training Needs Analysis and Summary (1990) which detailed a national need for "a pool of well qualified individuals at the entry level..." (P. 17) and indicated "a critical need to recruit individuals as undergraduates that are bilingual, familiar with various cultures, persons with disabilities..." (P. 17). This supports the demand for a liberal arts degree that provides a focus on rehabilitation practice. The study also stated that "Grants may be made to educational institutions ... to provide generalist training" and gave this a priority rating of "High" (P. 18).

Currently there are no undergraduate degree programs in rehabilitation studies in the University of North Carolina System. Also no university programs offering this degree are geographically located to meet this demand. Virginia Commonwealth University, Penn State University, Florida State University, the University of Florida, and Auburn University are the nearest universities that offer this degree. There are 56 undergraduate degree programs nationally, but few of these are located in the Southeast.

The limited supply of trained personnel is forcing rehabilitation agencies to employ individuals with no relevant background in many situations. The undergraduate degree program would assist in meeting this need. Dr. Paul T. Kayye, then State Director of the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services wrote Dr. Ronald Thiele on November 10, 1988 "in support of your proposal for a Bachelors' degree in Rehabilitation Studies with a track in Substance Abuse" noting that "The division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will continue to have a growing manpower need in this field". The combination of a liberal arts prerequisite and a rehabilitation studies focus would also allow the university to graduate students with a well rounded education who are prepared to function in a rapidly changing environment. The undergraduate major would also expand the qualified applicant pool from which to select graduate students, thereby enhancing the Department's ability to educate rehabilitation professionals at the graduate level.

The undergraduate major in Rehabilitation Studies is especially attractive at this time as the levels of enrollment projected can be accommodated with available resources and staff. The additional courses could be covered by teaching current courses only once or twice per year. At current enrollment levels this would not adversely affect the quality of our undergraduate minor or graduate programs. Enrollment levels could be increased above projected levels if additional resources become available in the future.