Rehabilitation & Disability Studies

**Typical Career Fields:**

*Criminal Justice/Corrections* (projected growth 9%-13%)
- Counseling
- Probation
- Parole
- Youth Services
- Victim Assistance
- Case Management

*Child Welfare* (projected growth 5%-8%)
- Case Mgt.
- Advocacy
- Service Coordination
- Youth Mentoring
- Therapeutic Recreation

*Alcohol/Substance Abuse* (projected growth 22% or higher)
- Counseling
- Case Mgt.
- Residential Mgt.
- Outpatient Care
- Transportation
- Assessment
- Program Development

*Disability Services* (projected growth 15% - 21%)
- Case Mgt.
- Policy Development
- Rehabilitation
- Research
- Program Planning

🌞 = Bright Outlook  
*Source: O*NET*

**Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU Rehabilitation & Disability Studies Grads:** *(Source: Linkedin)*

[Bar graph showing the top ten career fields chosen by ESU Rehabilitation & Disability Studies Grads.]

**Where Our Grads Go (top ten):**
- State of Missouri
- State of Kansas
- US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Aetna
- UnitedHealth Group
- CrossWinds
- Olathe Health
- Injured Workers Pharmacy
- Kansas DCF
- MO Dept. of Ed.

View a list of required courses for this major at [http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html](http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html).

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Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation

Rehabilitation
- Gain practical experience working with people who have physical disabilities, the elderly, children, and families.
- Become familiar with human development and issues specific to aging and disabilities.
- Volunteer with agencies providing services to these populations such as Meals on Wheels, Project Live, etc.
- Seek knowledge of assessment procedures and therapeutic recreational activities.
- Research government and community resources available for those in need.
- Expect to work on multidisciplinary teams.
- Obtain certification as a rehabilitation counselor (CRC) through the CRCC.

Substance Abuse
- Gain practical experience working with people who have alcohol and drug issues and/or behavioral disorders.
- Become familiar with assessment procedures and typical interventions.
- Volunteer with local hospitals, detox centers, or residential treatment facilities.
- Investigate government and community resources available for those in need.
- Attend community meetings such as AA or NA.
- Learn to work well with different types of people.
- Develop multicultural competence.
- Seek knowledge of psychopharmacology and dual diagnosis issues.
- Obtain certification as a Master Addictions Counselor (MAC).

Social Services
- Some graduates of counseling programs may choose social service roles in which they are not providing clinical counseling but perform other functions.
- Volunteer with a local social service or non-profit organization to test interests.
- Participate in community events to become familiar with local organizations and community resources.
- Learn to work well with different types of people from varying socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.
- Develop a wide range of skills such as presenting, grant writing, and fund raising. Sometimes professionals in nonprofit organizations fill multiple roles in their jobs.

Career Counseling
- Obtain practical experience through part-time or summer jobs, internships, assistantships, or volunteering in a career center or employment agency.
- Learn to work well with different types of people.
- Develop strong communication skills.
- Acquire knowledge of effective interviewing and resume writing skills.
- Investigate a wide variety of careers, areas of study, and related assessment tools.
- Become familiar with government and community resources available for those in need.
- Seek certification on various assessments.
- Join the National Career Development Association and apply for Master Career Counselor (MCC) status