Greetings, from the Earl Center!

Rehabilitation counselor education was established at ESU in 1966 and has since graduated over 500 highly qualified rehabilitation professionals in nearly fifty years of service to Kansas and Region VII. As we approach the half-century mark, RC faculty and staff respond to changes in the professional and educational landscapes. Please take note of recent happenings:

- The Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) became an affiliate of the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) on July 12, 2013.
- The 60-credit hour Mental Health Counseling degree has been renamed Clinical Counseling. With 47 base credit hours, a 13-credit hour emphasis is offered in each of the following areas: Rehabilitation Counseling, Addictions Counseling, or Mental Health. The program is accredited by CACREP and graduates will be eligible to apply for state counseling licensure from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.
- The existing 60-credit hour master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling was revised to a 48-credit hour distance education program: RC48 Online. The degree title remains M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling. The program is accredited by CORE, with a new exit requirement of taking the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam.
- On April 3-5, 2014, the RC program at ESU underwent a CORE site visit in accordance with the established accreditation cycle of the program. We are pleased to report that a recommendation of “reaccreditation, without conditions” was made by the Site Team.
- As of May 5, 2014, we received our preliminary reaccreditation report from CORE. We met all standards except two, relating to program evaluation. We consider this to be excellent! We are developing a strong program evaluation plan based on the work of Bruch & Cartwright (2014). We’ll receive CORE’s decision on the length of our term of accreditation this July.
- The Counselor Education Spring Poster Session was held at the Earl Center on May 8, 2014. We spent a pleasant afternoon sharing knowledge and refreshments with 45 student researchers and guests. RC students presented on a variety of case management topics.
- Sasha Anderson, of Nassau, Bahamas, was selected as outstanding RC graduate student of the year. Congratulations, Sasha!
- We welcome four new students pursuing the Rehabilitation emphasis into the Clinical Counseling master’s degree program this summer.
- Alums Bud Langston and Nicole Green Singer, and Kenny Foust came to Emporia to share their professional experiences in private, community, and public rehabilitation. We also had a Q&A session with Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2013, Angel Shaver.
- We are seeking volunteers for the RC48 Advisory Committee, which begins meeting this Fall.

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