# AUBURN UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

**Fall 2021**

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1. **Course Number: COUN 7520**

## **Course Title: Introduction to Rehabilitation Profession, and Case Management in Rehabilitation Counseling**

1. **Credit Hours/Prerequisites:** 3 semester hours, Prerequisites: Graduate standing

## enrollment in RSED

1. **Text(s):**

**Required:**

Rubin, S. E., Roessler, R. T., & Rumrill, Jr., P.D. (2016). *Foundations of the vocational rehabilitation process* (7th ed.). Pro Ed.

**Recommended:**

Roessler, R.T., Rubin, S.E, Rumrill P.D. (2018). *Case Management and Rehabilitation Counseling: Procedures and Techniques – Fifth Edition.*

Tarvydas, V. & Hartley, M.T. (2017). *The professional practice of rehabilitation counseling*

(2nd. Ed.). Springer Publishing Company.

ACA Code of Ethics 2014; <http://www.counseling.org/docs/ethics/2014-aca-code-of-ethics.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

CRCC Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors (Effective as of January 1, 2017.) <https://www.crccertification.com/filebin/pdf/ethics/CodeOfEthics_01-01-2017.pdf>

Crimando, W. & Riggar, T.F. (2003). Utilizing community resources: An overview of human resources. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press, Inc.

Martin, Jr., E. D. (Editor) (2007). Principles and practices of case management in rehabilitation counseling. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas.

## **4. Course Description:** This course focuses on the history and development of the rehabilitation movement inclusive of its legal base, philosophies, concepts, and current trends. The rehabilitation process and its application are examined from the perspective of the person with a disability and the rehabilitation professional. In addition, this course focuses on the rehabilitation process from multiple perspectives, including benefit systems, ethics, goal development, rehabilitation planning, coordination and delivery of rehabilitation services, community resources, and documentation. The counselor/client relationship is emphasized using case presentations and reviews and includes aspects of counselor evaluation, client appeals, forensic disability, advocacy, and credentialing. Students will acquire a perspective of how AT can be useful in their work, recreational, transportation, and home environments when providing services to persons with disabilities.

## **5. Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate these knowledge and skills related to these objectives:

1. History and development of rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.1.a)
2. Theories and models related to rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.1.b)
3. Principles, models, and documentation formats of biopsychosocial case conceptualization and treatment planning (CACREP 5.D.1.d)
4. Roles and settings of rehabilitation counselors (CACREP 5.D.2.a)
5. Relationships between clinical rehabilitation counselors and medical and allied health professionals, including interdisciplinary treatment teams (CACREP 5.D.2.b)
6. Rehabilitation service delivery systems, including housing, independent living, case management, community resources, public benefits programs, educational programs, and public/proprietary vocational rehabilitation programs (CACREP 5.D.2.c)
7. Rehabilitation counseling services within the continuum of care, such as inpatient, outpatient, partial hospitalization and aftercare, and the rehabilitation counseling services networks (CACREP 5.D.2.d)
8. Effects of discrimination, such as handicapism (sic), ableism, and power, privilege, and oppression on clients’ life and career development (CACREP 5.D.2.k)
9. Transferable skills, functional assessments, and work-related supports for achieving and maintaining meaningful employment for people with disabilities (CACREP 5.D.2.n)
10. Environmental, attitudinal, and individual barriers for people with disabilities (CACREP 5.D.2.p)
11. Assistive technology to reduce or eliminate barriers and functional limitations (CACREP 5.D.2.q)
12. Legislation and government policy relevant to rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.2.r)
13. Professional issues that affect rehabilitation counselors, including independent provider status, expert witness status, forensic rehabilitation, and access to and practice privileges within managed care systems (CACREP 5.D.2.t)
14. Record keeping, third party reimbursement, and other practice and management issues in rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.2.u)
15. Professional organizations, preparation standards, and credentials relevant to the practice in rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.2.v)
16. Legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical rehabilitation counseling (CACREP 5.D.2.w)
17. Strategies to advocate for persons with disabilities (CACREP 5.D.3.c)

**6. Instructional/Teaching Method**

The course will be provided based on the following format: (a) lecture, and (b) discussion/experiential activities. The lecture component will be didactic in nature and will focus on various key topics important in the field of rehabilitation counseling. Discussions will be based on lecture information, material from the text, outside reading assignments, and relevant topics that are raised during class. The discussions place primary responsibility on each student to critically read and reflect upon the assigned reading material, to raise questions and constructively discuss issues relevant to the readings, and to discern differences between one’s knowledge and one’s beliefs and opinions. Various class activities will be utilized to enhance practical learning, such as exercises, role-plays, and the use of case studies. Students are required to actively engage with their fellow students and the instructor, as we progress throughout the semester. I look forward to the positive community this will build for everyone.

**7. Student Expectations**

This is an in person class. All of the class interactions will take place in a classroom during the scheduled dates and time. Students should attend class each week and actively participate in their learning. Any absence due to reasonable concerns should be informed to the instructor in advance.

**8. Course Schedule:**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Reading Assignment** | **CACREP Standards** |
| 8/16 | Introduction  Syllabus review | Syllabus |  |
| 8/23 | Orientation: Competency/Credential  History & Laws | Rubin et al. Ch. 1 & 8  Leahy et al., 2019  Mackay et al., 2020 | 5.D.1.a; 5.D.1.b;  5.D.2.a; 5.D.2.r; 5.D.2.v; 5.D.2.w |
| 8/30 | History & Laws | Rubin et al. Ch. 2-3 | 5.D.2.a; 5.D.2.b;  5.D.2.k; 5.D.2.p; 5.D.3.c |
| 9/6 | Labor Day: No Class |  |  |
| 9/13 | Disability Biases | Rubin et al. Ch. 5  Materials Posted on Canvas | 5.D.2.k; 5.D.2.p |
| 9/20 | Persons with disabilities  Family & Disability | Rubin et al. Ch. 7  Tarvydas &Hartley, Ch. 7-8 | 5.D.2.a; 5.D.2.b;  5.D.2.k; 5.D.2.p; 5.D.3.c |
| 9/27 | VR Process | Ditchman et al., 2021  **Movie Critique Due 10/1** | 5.D.2.c; 5.D.2.d |
| 10/4 | Rehab Facilities and Community Resources | Rubin et al., Ch.11 | 5.D.2.c; 5.D.2.d |
| 10/11 | Independent Living  Midterm Review | Rubin et al., Ch.15 | 5.D.2.c; 5.D.2.q |
| 10/18 | **Midterm Exam** |  |  |
| 10/25 | Assistive Technology | Rubin et al., Ch. 13 | 5.D.2.c; 5.D.2.q |
| 11/1 | Private Sector/Forensic Rehab | Rubin et al., Ch. 16  Tarvydas &Hartley, Ch. 16  **AT Article Due 11/5** | 5.D.2.t |
| 11/8 | Case/Caseload Management  Evaluation phase:   * Intake interview * Medical, psychological, and vocational evaluation   Preparing and planning for the rehab program | Rubin et al., Ch. 9-10  Tarvydas &Hartley, Ch. 13  Roessler et al.  Ch. 3 – 6 & 8 & 10 | 5.D.2.d; 5.D.2.c;  5.D.2.n; 5.D.2.t; 5.D.1.d; 5.D.2.u; 5.D.2.v; 5.D.3.c |
| 11/15 | Overcoming environmental barriers to employment  Multicultural consideration  Family-centered rehabilitation case management | Roessler et al.  Chapter 10, 12 & 13  **Case Analysis Study Paper Outline due 11/12** | 5.D.2.k; 5.D.2.n;  5.D.2.p; 5.D.2.u;  5.D.3.c |
| 11/22 | Thanksgiving Break – No Class |  |  |
| 11/29 | Course wrap up  Final exam review |  | 5.D.3.c; 5.D.1.d;  5.D.2.u; 5.D.2.w; 5.D.1.b; 5.D.3.c |
| 12/6 | **Final Exam** | **Case Analysis Study Paper Due 12/6** |  |

**9. Course Requirements, Assignments, and Evaluation Procedures:**

1. **Instructional Method:** Instructional methodologies employed in this course will be lecture, discussion, open case discussions, critiques, a formal case presentation, and a reflection paper. **The total number of points for this course is 100.**
2. **Course Requirements**
   1. **General Course Requirements - Participation:** Each student will be held responsible for **all** of the information in the textbook and readings assigned for the course. The student should read assigned material appropriate to the topic to be discussed **prior** to class meetings. Class will start promptly at the scheduled time. Students should plan to arrive prior to the designated time. The student should actively engage in class discussion and complete required activities during each class meeting. **Class participation is worth 20 points.**
   2. **Two Exams**: There will be two objective examinations. Examinations will be administered in a classroom on a scheduled date and time for all students. If the exams should be given electronically, they will be administered through Respondus Lockdown Browser +Monitor. **Exams will be worth 15 points each.**
   3. **Movie Critique**: You are required to write a reflection paper that incorporates a mass media representation of a disability. You will view a film of your choice and then write a critique, 3 pages in length. There are 6 questions to address as part of your movie. The following questions should be answered in the paper:

- What is the main theme of the movie?

- How disability was represented? Does this movie address disability issues realistically and adequately?

- What factors influenced a disability and/or a person with a disability?

- The expressed reactions and coping strategies to a disability.

- The ways in which a disability affected significant others (family, friends, colleagues, boss, etc.)

- What did it make you think about in your life?

Please remember that the purpose of this assignment is to look at your reflection, thoughts, or feelings after watching a movie. Therefore, you should not just introduce the plot of the movie (it should not exceed more than one paragraph). **This assignment will be worth 10 points.**

* 1. **Assistive Technology (AT) Article**: Students will find one professional journal article on assistive technology and summarize them. The summary will be 3 pages in length and taken from journals relating to Assistive Technology, Rehabilitation Counseling, Education, Employment, or recreation/leisure devices utilizing AT. APA format is required. The AT article summary is worth **10 points**.
  2. **Case Analysis Study PAPER**: Students will choose one case study provided by the instructor and complete a Case Analysis paper (6-8 pages TEXT – this does NOT include the cover page, or reference pages) on a rehabilitation client of your choice and identifying and detailing their life circumstances, disability, and stated goals (with prior permission from the instructor). **Paper is worth 30 points.**

The paper will describe:

* The individual seeking services.
* A brief history of the individual and why they are seeking services.
* A Career/Vocational Analysis that includes: medical, psychological, economic, career and vocational, educational, social and indicates the eligibility of the individual for services.
* An Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE), identifying the individual’s career/vocational/employment goals and following services necessary to achieve these goals.
* The appeals process when this individual is denied services.
* Considerations that must be taken into account: legal perspective, ethical perspective, the provision of services (time/money), impact on the individual, and a societal impact (including public opinion)?
* Your overall analysis summary of the case - how does it impact you professionally based on your personal values, beliefs, the relationships you have with consumers and your work setting?
* Include a Reference section with a minimum of 10 resources (e.g., websites, fact sheets, brochures, books, videos, journal/magazines) that were used in the completion of this paper. Only five resources may be website sources. Five resources must be from journal articles.
* This paper is to be completed using APA format, 6-8 pages of TEXT, and typed with a minimum of misspellings, typos, and grammatical errors.
* This paper is a part of the Comprehensive Portfolio, therefore the final paper should also be uploaded in Tevera by the due date (Master Program only).

1. **Grading for Assignments**:

Class Participation – 20 points

Examinations (Midterm, Final) – 30 points

Movie Critique – 10 points

AT Paper – 10 points

Case Analysis Paper – 30 points

Total = 100 points

**The following scale will be used for evaluation in this course:**

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 60 or less

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| Course Assignment | Due Date | Evaluation | CACREP Standards |
| Midterm/  Final Examinations | 10/18  12/6 | 30 pts | CACREP 5.D.1.a, b, d,  CACREP 5.D.2.a, b, c, d, k, p, q, r, v, w, CACREP 5.D.3.c |
| Class Participation | Every Monday | 20 pts | CACREP 5.D.1.a, b, d,  CACREP 5.D.2.a, b, c, d, k, p, q, r, v, w, CACREP 5.D.3.c |
| Movie Critique | 10/01 | 10 pts | CACREP 5.D.2.k, p, q |
| Assistive Technology (AT) Article | 11/05 | 10 pts | CACREP  5.D.2.p, q |
| Case Analysis Paper | Outline: 11/12  Final: 12/06 | 30 pts | CACREP 5.D.1.b,d  CACREP 5.D.2.n,u,w  CACREP 5.D.3.c |

**10. Class Policy Statements:**

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes, and will be held responsible for any content covered in the event of an absence.

**Excused absences:** Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, or religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see the Tiger Cub for more information on excused absences.

**Assignments:** All assignments must be typed and prepared in a professional manner (i.e., neat, correct grammar, spelling), following APA Style 7th ed. guidelines. It is very important that students submit work on time, or they will find it very difficult to catch up. Assignments are due on the date noted in the syllabus. ***It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Late assignments will not be accepted, graded, or counted toward the student’s grade unless prior arrangements to alter an assignment due date have been made between the student and instructor.***

**Academic Honesty Policy:** All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title found in the *Student Policy e-Handbook* will apply to university courses.) All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

**Faculty Communication and Feedback**: At the beginning of each course, make sure that you understand the instructor’s preferred mode of communication and any specific communication protocol. One of the best ways to be effective as a student is to understand the instructor’s expectations and operate within those boundaries. Students should give the instructor **48 hours** to get back to them on any communication, and **one week** for grading turnaround time on major assignments. **The instructor reserves the right to alter these feedback parameters due to contingencies such as holidays, course progress, campus emergencies, weather, holidays, professional activities, etc. with notice provided.** If students have concerns about communication or feedback, they should always go to the professor first. Students should explain their concern as clearly as possible without judgment or emotion. Effective communication is an important skill, and every interaction in their program is an opportunity to develop this skill.

**Your Auburn University email address is the university-approved form of communication between instructors and students.** Follow the steps in [the video linked here](https://community.canvaslms.com/videos/1072) to set your notifications preferences and specify that all course alerts are routed to your Auburn University email address (userid@auburn.edu). You can contact [Auburn University's OIT Help Desk](http://www.auburn.edu/oit/helpdesk/) for assistance forwarding mail sent to your Auburn email address to a different email address that you regularly check. Additionally, it is your responsibility to read course announcements sent by your instructor. These are posted in Canvas, and you can configure your notification preferences to receive an email each time a new announcement is posted.

**This course will be supported by Auburn University’s Canvas platform**. The syllabus, class assignments, occasional lectures, test grades, final grades, and important announcements will be posted to the Canvas site for this course. Check the Canvas site for this course frequently.

## **Disability Accommodations:** Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours an alternative time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

**Course contingency:** If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials. Should the University suspend normal operations, please check e-mail for class communications and notices.

**Student Academic Grievance Policy:** The purpose of this university policy is to “resolve academic grievances of students, which results from actions of faculty or administration. This resolution should be achieved at the lowest level and in the most equitable way. The burden of proof rests with the complainants.”

**Professionalism:** As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

* + Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
  + Contribute to collaborative learning communities
  + Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
  + Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Professional Behavior:** As students prepare to work within professional counseling settings it is expected that you demonstrate the appropriate professional behaviors that are discussed in program handbooks, policies, and professional standards.

* + Demonstrate appropriate professional behavior in the classroom including appropriate use of technology
  + Demonstrate respect for peers and faculty
  + Demonstrate responsible behavior related to attending class, completing assignments and participating in your educational training

**Justification for Graduate Credit:** This course includes advanced content on Rehabilitation Counseling. This includes content as specified by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP, 2016) specific to *Entry-level Specialty Areas – Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (Section 5.B. Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling)*. All academic content approved by CACREP is for advanced Masters and/or Doctoral graduate study. This includes rigorous evaluation standards of students completing the student learning objectives specified in this syllabus.

***Contingency Plans includes the following:***

### **Access to Course Content:**

All class materials and PowerPoints will be posted to Canvas for all lectures presented in class.

### **Completion of Assignments and Exams:**

Class lectures would be supplemented with reflection questions and activities that could be completed outside of class. In addition, a discussion group could be established in order to provide for greater interaction between the instructor and students with regard to the content. Alternative assignments will be posted on Canvas for students and will be assigned as needed. These assignments will be submitted electronically.

**Health and Participation in Class:**

**Face Coverings – Fall 2021**. The university requires face coverings in their classrooms and instructional laboratories. All students enrolled in this course are required to properly wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth while inside the classroom, laboratory, studio, or office. Failure to comply with this requirement represents a potential Code of Student Conduct violation and may be reported as a non-academic violation. Please consult the [Classroom Behavior Policy](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf) for additional details.

Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are my top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, you must follow the instructions on the Healthcheck app. My hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

* Notify me in advance
* Provide me with medical documentation, if possible
* Keep up with coursework as much as possible
* Participate in class activities and submit assignments remotely as much as possible
* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam
* Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss your options.

Students with questions about COVID-related illnesses should reach out to the COVID Resource Center at (334) 844-6000 or at [ahealthieru@auburn.edu](mailto:ahealthieru@auburn.edu).

**Health and Well-Being Resources:**

These are difficult times, and academic and personal stress is a natural result. Everyone is encouraged to take care of themselves and their peers. If you need additional support, there are several resources on campus to assist you:

* COVID Response Team ([www.ahealthieru.edu](http://www.ahealthieru.edu))
* Student Counseling and Psychological Services (<http://wp.auburn.edu/scs/>)
* AU Medical Clinic (<https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/>
* If you or someone you know are experiencing food, housing or financial insecurity, please visit the Auburn Cares Office (<http://aucares.auburn.edu/>)

**Course Expectations Related to COVID-19**:

* **Course Attendance**: If you are quarantined or otherwise need to miss class because you have been advised that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you will be expected to develop a plan to keep up with your coursework during any such absences.
* **Course Meeting Schedule**: This course might not have a traditional course schedule. Be sure to pay attention to any updates to the course schedule as the information in this syllabus may have changed. Please discuss any questions you have with me.
* **Technology Requirements:** This course requires particular technologies to complete coursework. If you need access to additional technological support, please contact the AU Bookstore at [aubookstore@auburn.edu](mailto:aubookstore@auburn.edu).