



LIFE-CHANGING

Rehabilitation services employment isn't just a job. It's a rewarding career where you can make a significant positive impact on others.

If you enjoy working with people of any age who have disabilities, there are numerous employment options you can pursue. There are literally hundreds of different careers in the field of rehabilitation services and each and every one offers the chance to make a real difference.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Millions of people live with disabilities or impairments of one type or another. So, there's a growing need for individuals to provide valuable rehabilitation services and support. A rehabilitation services degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale prepares you to do just that!

The United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a job growth rate of 31 percent in the next decade in the field of substance abuse and behavioral disorder counseling. The overall rehabilitation services field anticipates a job increase of about 20 percent in the next 10 years according to the United States Department of Labor.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Learning is a hands-on experience at SIU. You will get field experience and learn how to apply classroom knowledge working at area agencies that provide rehabilitation services.

SIU's Rehabilitation Services has working agreements with numerous human service agencies throughout the Southern Illinois region providing our students with hands-on experience opportunities through externships, internships and volunteer work. You will be able to learn while doing and enhance your skills and career potential.

Along with intriguing practical internship and externship experiences, you can get involved with Students Together Advocating Rehabilitation Services (STARS), one of the more than 400 registered student organizations on campus. STARS offers a variety of educational, service and social activities throughout the year.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Here are just a FEW of the career paths you can choose from:

- Agency administration
- Augmentative and alternative communications
- Autism spectrum and developmental disabilities work
- Behavior analysis
- Behavior disorders
- Brain injury rehabilitation
- Case management
- Forensic rehabilitation
- Language and communication disorders
- Mental health field
- Parent and family training
- Substance use disorders work

You can work with the elderly, people with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities, in the substance use field or with individuals with a variety of medical, psychosocial and psychiatric disabilities.

A rehabilitation services degree will prepare you for positions such as case manager, developmental training coordinator, residential service director, substance abuse technician, habilitation program coordinator, independent living specialist and job coach, or an employment or job placement specialist. There are career opportunities in community-based rehabilitation programs, mental health programs, independent living centers, substance use disorder treatment programs, programs for people with disabilities or injuries or for the elderly, as well as in other facilities and programs.

