



CAREER PATH

# Health

CAREER CLUSTER  
Health Sciences

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Therapeutic Services



## REHABILITATION COUNSELOR

Counsel individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and vocational difficulties that result from birth defects, illness, disease, accidents, or the stress of daily life. Coordinate activities for residents of care and treatment facilities. Assess client needs and design and implement rehabilitation programs that may include personal and vocational counseling, training, and job placement.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a rehabilitation counselor are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

*(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)*

### Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Rehabilitation counselors	8.9%	18.3%	72.8%
Counselors, social workers	10.3%	19.8%	69.9%
Community and social services	10.5%	20.5%	69.0%

Most Common Educational Level: Master's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$11.14	\$14.25	\$19.06
	Yearly	\$23,200	\$29,600	\$39,600
Missouri	Hourly	\$12.84	\$14.59	\$17.36
	Yearly	\$26,700	\$30,300	\$36,100

Based on (\*) lower 25% and (\*\*) upper 25% percentile of wages

### National and State Employment Trends

Rehabilitation Counselor	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	140,700	173,000	+ 23%	6,020
Missouri	2,650	2,930	+ 11%	90

\*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

### Educational Opportunities

*Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

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