Rehabilitation Services (IRHB) Transcript

**Slide 1 (Welcome):**
Hello and Welcome to ECU! My name is Melissa Watterson and I will be your academic advisor if you are interested in the rehabilitation services major also referred to as Rehab services. Today I will be going over everything you need to know about the rehabilitation services major if you are considering this field.

**Slide 2 (Transcript available for you):**
Attached to this slide is a copy of the full transcript of this presentation. Please make sure to click the link below to view the information shared with you today.

**Slide 3 (Welcome to Pirate Nation):**
From everyone here at ECU, we welcome you! Know that through the College of Allied health sciences, you will have support from faculty and staff members during your journey as a pirate. Our Program director, Dr. McDougal would like to say Welcome to the rehabilitation services major! We are excited to have you in our program and to learn how to be effective helpers for people with physical and mental disabilities. Go Pirates, Arrrrgh!

**Slide 4 (Meet your Advisor):**
Hey! That’s me! Here is just some things to know about me as your academic advisor. Along with begin a graduate from ECU two times for my undergraduate and master’s degree, I have been advising since 2017, I also teach public speaking through the school of communication at ECU. My undergraduate advising areas consists of: Speech and hearing sciences, rehabilitation services, clinical lab science, and I also advise for students that are interested in Pre-physician assistant and Pre-physical therapy.

**Slide 5 (What is Rehabilitation Services?):**
We will start with defining what rehabilitation services is. The Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services prepares entry-level human service personnel for careers in substance abuse, mental health, vocational rehabilitation, and other allied health professions.

Core content in the major includes effective interviewing, interpersonal, and helping skills; introduction to the case management process; information on alcohol and drug use and abuse; basic knowledge of medical, psychological, and social aspects of disability; and the history of rehabilitation services.

A field experience is an integral part of the curriculum and allows students to apply the knowledge learned in the program in a real world setting and to develop contacts and resources in the field for employment assistance. Students are encouraged to complete a minor or concentration in an area related to their rehabilitation interest.

**Slide 6 (What courses will I be taking?):**
So what courses will I be taking? There are two words that you may here during your time here in this major. Intended and declared. Intended means that you have not been admitted into the
program yet. Declared means that you have (yay) and you are taking your core rehab courses and complete your internship. When you are an intended student, you will be focusing on your general education courses such as English, health, kinesiology, etc. and some ADRE pre-req courses such as ADRE 2000, ADRE 2003, or ADRE 3000. When you are a declared student, you will take ADRE courses, along with finishing up any general education classes you need and your internship which is one full semester. You can also have a minor to help reach your 120 credits for graduation. Your minor options can include anything! Some common minors are, but not limited to: Psychology, Communication, disability studies, or alcohol and drug studies. program is great if you are looking to attend a professional program such as (OT, PA, PT, etc) since it allows students to understand the mind of a patient while taking care of the body.

**Slide 7 (Degree Plan):**
This is a copy of our generic 4 year degree plan. You see that you are looking at about 15 hours each semester to graduate on time. You can see that you will have a good blend of Psychology coursework along with your ADRE courses. This is why a minor in PSYC is a great fit. This degree plan will be sent to you or, you can take a screenshot of this slide and keep it!

**Slide 8 (How do I know this major is right for me?):**
So how do I know this major/career is right for me? If you are thinking about rehabilitation services in the future as a career, just think about these characteristics. Rehab services is known as the “helping profession” so some characteristics may include: Problem solving, strong leadership skills, compassion, you enjoy helping others, strong communication skills, you are team orientated and interested in healthcare.

**Slide 9 (Admissions process):**
Our admissions process includes an application twice a year. Admission into ECU does not guarantee admission into this program. To be considered, you must have completed two ADRE courses with a C or better. You also need a minimum GPA of a 2.5 or higher and have around 42 semester hours completed. You will know more about the admissions process when it comes time for you to apply.

**Slide 10 (My recommendations for your fall schedule):**
This screenshot should look familiar as it comes from the PIER website. This is to help you with your fall registration! The great thing about rehabilitation services is that your first semester, its flexible to fit in general education courses and/or pre-reqs. This can include BIOL 1050/1051 or BIOL 1150/1151. If you select BIOL 1150/1151, this will take the place of BIOL 1050/1051 since it is a higher level course. Also consider registering for an ADRE course if you can. Either ADRE 2000 or 2003 is just fine. Do not stress if you don't get all the courses listed above on your schedule for the fall. That is okay. A good blend of courses will be just fine. Remember that I will be assisting you as your advisor, to help modify your schedule ONCE you have done the best you can.

**Slide 11 (Additional information):**
Here is just some additional information that I thought would be helpful for you. Number 1, some pre-req courses will be challenging and this is common. Check out some resources that ECU offers like the
Pirate Academic Success Center, you can also reach out to your classmates, professors and me. Number 2, start volunteering and shadowing in the area you wish to work in. This can help you decide what you do want to do or maybe what you are not that interested in. Lastly, consider joining clubs and organizations here at ECU that are related to your interests.

**Slide 12 (Job outlook, Salary, and Location?):**

Now I will talk about the job outlook, salary and the job location! Your salary and job locations are going to be dependent on your level of education and experience. Most of our graduates pursue graduate level degrees either in counseling, rehabilitation, or a professional program such as PT or OT. Salaries can range from 30,000 to 60,000 depending on setting and experience. Some common locations and areas include: counseling, substance abuse, rehabilitation, and mental health areas.

**Slide 13 (Contact information/closing slide):**

I hope that you were able to learn more about our rehabilitation services major at ECU. I cant wait to meet you! Here is my contact information if you have any additional questions for me. Go pirates!