Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: CRSD: Rehabilitation Counselor Education Ph.D. Program
Rating: Exemplary

This PhD program has an excellent national reputation that is fostered by its diverse student body, strong recruitment and selection practices, and good financial support for students that emanates from strong faculty research. The Counselor Education program was ranked 4th in 2009 by US News and World Report and has been consistently ranked among the top 20 programs in the nation. The program has been successful in attracting a diverse student cohort over the past 5 years. The program has a very good median TTD of approximately 5.0 yrs and completion rate of 92%. The program recently received a 5-year $750,000 external doctoral training grant which will support doctoral students and doctoral education. The program trains researchers for working in university settings or in national administrative positions. For the period 2004-09, doctoral placement was excellent at 100%, with 72% in tenure track positions. Faculty in the program actively participate in the department’s “Vision Committee” to identify innovative additions to the program to help professionals in the state. As a result, steps are underway to further improve the curriculum, target recruitment and improve placement.

Program: Community/Rehabilitation Counseling M.A. program
Rating: High Quality

The master's program in Community/Rehabilitation Counseling was not felt to be as strong as the doctoral program and was rated as a high quality program. The MA is more professionally oriented in its design with a mental health focus and strong clinical component. 100% of the graduates are placed, primarily in clinical settings. 87% of enrolled students are female. There was insufficient clarification between the master’s and PhD programs; the doctoral program has a strong national reputation, but whether this is true of the MA is unclear.