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DALLAS--Applications to enroll in this area's first graduate program in rehabilitation counseling will be accepted until Aug. 15, Dr. Paul McCollum, coordinator of the program, announced today.

Classes will begin Aug. 31 in the study program, the first graduate-level offering of the School of Allied Health Professions of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

An unmet need exists for professional rehabilitation counselors and supervisors in state and local agencies and institutions, Dr. McCollum said, and the scope of rehabilitation services is rapidly expanding.

"Rehabilitation counselors have traditionally worked with individuals having physical disabilities," he explained. "But rehabilitation concepts now are being applied to the solving of mental and social problems, creating a need for more counselors possessing a variety of subspecialty skills."

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The new graduate program is designed to offer "basic training" in rehabilitation of the disabled, he said, "while offering opportunities for interested students to specialize in the treatment of social problems, such as welfare, drug abuse, and the public offender."

Emphasis in rehabilitation counseling is on helping individuals adjust, both physically and psychologically, to their disability and then find them jobs they can successfully perform, Dr. McCollum said.

Applicants for the program should have a bachelor's degree, preferably in social or behavioral sciences or liberal arts, with a "B" average grade in upper division work. They also should have scored 1000 or above on the Graduate Record Exam. Applications should be addressed to 5323 Harry Hines, Dallas 75235.

The course leading to a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling consists of 48 semester hours, including 30 hours of class-work, 12 hours of practicum and internship and 6 hours of individual research.

The graduate program will begin with about seven students enrolled, and Dr. McCollum predicted that it will be accepting 15 students per year within three years.

In addition, the School of Allied Health Professions' Department of Rehabilitation Science will have 45 students enrolled this fall in a two-year undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree, and it also operates a work-study program for counselors already employed in the rehabilitation field.

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