What is Rehabilitation Psychology?

Rehabilitation Psychology is a specialty area within psychology that focuses on the study and application of psychological knowledge and skills on behalf of individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions in order to maximize health and welfare, independence and choice, functional abilities, and social role participation across the lifespan.

Our Mission

To lead the community of psychologists who, through research, practice, education and advocacy, enhance the well-being of people living with disability or chronic health conditions.

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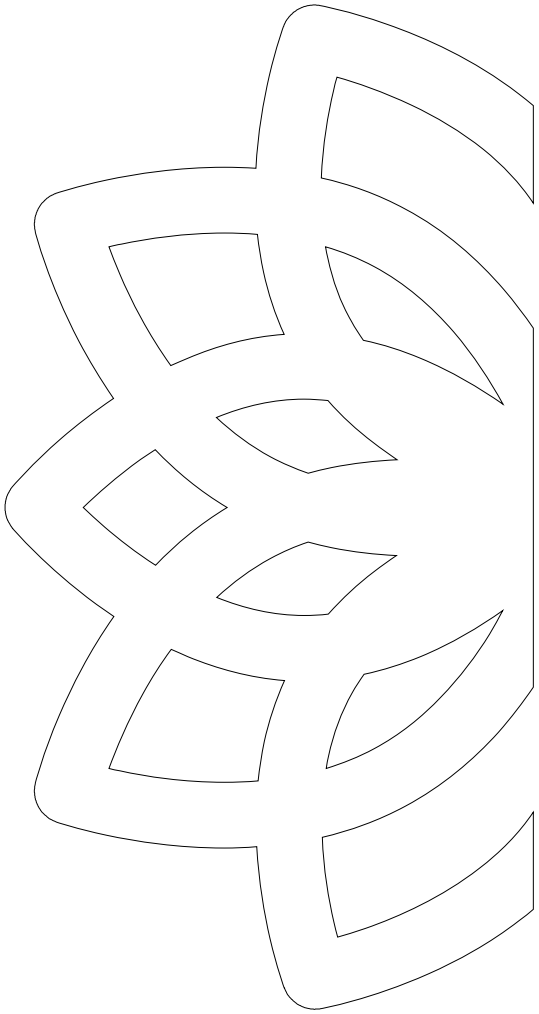

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About the Division

Since 1958, APA Division 22, Rehabilitation Psychology, has connected psychologists working with people with diverse disabilities and chronic medical conditions across the lifespan. Rehabilitation psychologists work in a variety of settings (e.g., acute hospitals, rehabilitation centers, academic institutions, legislative offices, and independent practice) to provide compassionate, essential care to people with disabilities and/or chronic health conditions.

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Our vision:

- Set the standard of practice for culturally competent, evidence-based, holistic, and personalized care.
- Promote innovative and rigorous research to improve outcomes, services, and organizations, and reduce costs.
- Set the standards for education and training in the competencies of rehabilitation psychology.
- Be the premier source of psychological knowledge regarding disability and chronic health conditions for healthcare professionals, policymakers, the public, and the media.
- Champion disability as a human rights and social justice issue.
- Move communities and organizations towards greater access for all in health care, the workplace, and public engagement.

Through these activities, members work toward a fundamental goal of Division 22 – to minimize barriers to full participation in society by persons with disabilities.

Membership Benefits

APA Division 22 embraces members with a diversity of interests. We welcome professionals from other psychological specialties and fields associated with rehabilitation, as well as interested students and trainees.

Members of Division 22 enjoy a wide range of benefits, including:

- A subscription to *Rehabilitation Psychology*, the official journal of APA Division 22.
- Discounted registration for our Annual Mid-Winter Conference, jointly organized with the Academy of Rehabilitation Psychology. Programming focuses on advances in practice and research, and includes sessions to advise members pursuing ABRP credentials.
- Subscription to our Division listserv, where members share valuable information related to practice, advocacy, education, and research.
- Opportunities to serve on the Division's committees, become involved in the sections -- Pediatric Rehabilitation Psychology and Women's Issues in Rehabilitation Psychology -- or join one of our special interest groups.
- Special opportunities for students and Early Career Psychologists. Division 22 is known for its efforts fostering careers and leadership skills of students and ECPs. The Division 22 Executive Committee includes an Early Career Representative and a Student Representative. The Division boasts an active mentoring program and strong student-oriented programming at all Division conferences.
- A comfortable home in the company of friendly, talented, and energetic individuals committed to improving the quality of life of people living with chronic health conditions and disability.

Member Categories

There are four membership categories in APA Division 22:

Full Members

Psychologists with interest and expertise in the psychosocial aspects of disability who are current members of the American Psychological Association. *Annual fee: $40*

Affiliate Members

Professionals from related disciplines such as rehabilitation counseling, speech therapy and audiology, rehabilitation nursing, and other health, medical, and related disciplines with an interest in disability-related issues are eligible to be affiliate members of Division 22, as are psychologists who are not members of APA. Affiliate members cannot vote or hold office in the Division. *Annual fee: $45*

International Affiliates

International affiliates are welcome, though a higher rate is necessary to cover postage for journals. *Annual fee: $52*

Student Members

Students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows/residents in Psychology and related disciplines are eligible to become student members of Division 22. *Annual fee: $25*

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