

Rehabilitation Psychology

The Division of Rehabilitation Psychology was established in 1956 as an organization of psychologists concerned with the psychological and social consequences of disability and ways to prevent and ameliorate associated problems. At that time, most rehabilitation psychologists worked in universities or institutions treating people with disabilities. In recent years, however, the work settings, clientele, and functions of rehabilitation psychologists have expanded dramatically.

Rehabilitation psychologists worked with people with diverse disabilities and chronic medical conditions across the life span. They are found in acute hospitals, rehabilitation centers, clinics, academic institutions, legislative offices, day treatment programs, independent practice, and industry.

The practice of rehabilitation psychology now encompasses both “hands on” and indirect activities including clinical services to individuals with disabilities (acute or chronic) and their families, consultation to members of the treatment team, advocacy, research, shaping public policy, disability determination, education and training. Those who are involved in patient care conduct psychological and neuropsychological assessments, offer counseling (individual, family, and group), design and implement cognitive retraining procedures, teach stress and pain

management techniques, conduct biofeedback, and develop behavior management protocols as well as provide education to help prevent and manage chronic disease and disability. Others are engaged in research, creating, new technologies, teaching in universities, and advising businesses and educational institutions about accommodation of people with disabilities. In all of these activities, members work toward achievement of a fundamental goal of the Division-to minimize barriers to full participation in society by persons with disabilities.

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

Application for membership

I am interested in the field of rehabilitation psychology and wish to become a member of division 22

Signature: _____

Name: _____

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Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

University attended: _____

Highest Degree: _____

Academic Program: _____

Current State of APA membership

☐Applicant ☐Fellow ☐Dues Exempt

☐Member ☐Associate ☐Affiliate

APA Number: _____

I would like to join Division 22:

☐Member \$40 ☐Affiliate \$45 ☐Student\$25

☐International Affiliate \$52

☐I want to join Division's Section1-Pediatric Rehab Psychology - \$10 (Full member; must be APA and Division 22 member), free (Student)

☐I want to join Division's Section 2-Women's Issues in Rehab Psychology- \$10 (Full member; must be APA and Division 22 member), free (Student member)

Division dues include membership in Division 22, Rehabilitation Psychology, and The Rehabilitation Psychology News. Enclose a check payable to Division 22 and mail with completed application to: Division 22 Administrative Office, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242.