

# Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling History

## 1970s

- 1971** Department Rehabilitation Counseling formed in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - » Calvin Pinkard Founding Department Chair
- 1973** First graduating class in Rehabilitation Counseling
- 1977** CORE Accreditation (Council on Rehabilitation Education)

## 1980s

- Mid-80s** Dr. Pinkard and Dr. Wright led Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) grant that focused on recruiting and training minorities in Rehabilitation Counseling

## 1990s

- 1992** John Rasch Department Chair RMHC
- 1997** William Emener RMHC Department Chair

## 2000s

- 2001** Program name changed to Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- 2002** Charlotte Dixon Department Chair RMHC
- 2003** Marriage and Family Graduate Certificate
- 2003** Addictions and Substance Abuse Graduate Certificate
- 2007** Tennyson Wright Department Chair RMHC
- 2008** Entered the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences

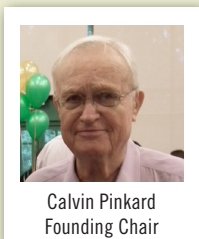
## 2010s

- 2015** Merged into the Department of Child and Family Studies
- 2015** Chih Chin Chou appointed Program Director
- 2015** Rehab Services Admin Grant Program providing financial support to students going into state rehabilitation programs
- 2016** CACREP Accreditation Granted
- 2018** Addictions and Substance Abuse Profession Undergraduate Certificate
- 2019** Addictive Studies Undergraduate Minor
- 2019** *U.S. News and World Report* placed the RMHC program in the top 25 Best Rehabilitation Counseling programs in the country

## 2020s

- 2020** Marriage and Family branched off into new master's program
- 2021** HRSA Grant funded to sponsor RMHC students in field work in Integrative Behavioral Health settings
- 2022** Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Science online master's program began
- 2022** Program name changed to Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

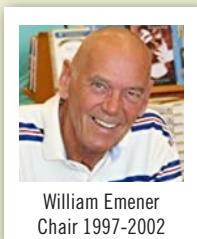
### RMHC Leadership Over the Years



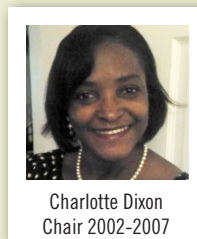
Calvin Pinkard  
Founding Chair



John Rasch  
Chair 1992-1997



William Emener  
Chair 1997-2002



Charlotte Dixon  
Chair 2002-2007



Tennyson Wright  
Chair 2007-2015



Chih Chin Chou  
Director 2015-Present