

Technical Standards in Rehabilitation Counseling

Jeanne B. Patterson, Executive Director of the Council on Rehabilitation Education, Inc. (CORE), wrote the following statement regarding Technical Standards in the Rehabilitation Counseling field. She wrote this statement in a letter dated July 23, 1999 in response to the LSUHSC Department of Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling's inquiry into technical standards. The hard copy of the letter is on file in the department.

“CORE does not publish Technical standards and, in fact, is opposed to any technical standards that would discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the philosophy of the rehabilitation counseling profession (and its accreditation and certification bodies) is to promote the strengths of individuals with disabilities through reasonable accommodation, rather than focus on their limitations. The rapid advances in assistive technology would make it almost impossible to publish meaningful technical standards.”

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