CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES

Recreational therapists work in a variety of settings, including long term care, addictions treatment, physical rehabilitation, behavioral health, serving at-risk youth, and with people with developmental disabilities. The Therapeutic Recreation program at Slippery Rock University prepares students to work as professionals in the field of Therapeutic Recreation/Recreational Therapy. Students in the SRU Therapeutic Recreation program will have an opportunity to work with a variety of clinical populations, engage in experiential learning, and study evidence-based research in the field of therapeutic recreation.

Skills Associated with Therapeutic Recreation Majors:

- People oriented
- Motor Skills
- Patience
- Persuasiveness
- Ability to design & implement rehabilitative programs
- Communication
- Physical coordination
- Motivational skills
- Leadership

Sample Career Titles:
- Recreational Therapist
- Speech Pathology Clinician
- Senior Citizen Programs
- Occupational Therapist
- Community Rec Programmer
  - Program Specialist
  - Director of Therapies
- Healthcare Consultant
- Speech Pathology Specialist
- Clinical Specialist
- Youth Camp Rec Therapist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Physical Therapist Supervisor
- Recreation Program Assistant

** Some careers may require additional training and/or education

To find out more about the daily work of these professions, skills needed, and salary ranges, go to Occupational Outlook Handbook and type a career title into the search field.

Visit Career Education & Development, 124 Bailey Library, to discuss these occupations and career opportunities with a Career Counselor.