

# Parks & Recreation and Environment Education



## undergraduate programs

The Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education Department offers several programs leading to various degrees. The department offers a broad curriculum taught by professional faculty who are recognized as both regional and national experts in their respective disciplines. The faculty members are dedicated to mentoring students while preparing them for careers in the park and recreation field. The PREE faculty has diverse interests and experience in park and resource management, resort and tourism management, therapeutic recreation, outdoor leadership, park protection, environmental education, open space planning and interpretation.

### BS Degree in Park and Resource Management

The Park and Resource Management Program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and ability to function as park and resource management professionals. This is a broad-based, 120 credit hour program that is offered with three track options and two areas of emphasis.

- Track Options:
- Park and Resource Management
  - Outdoor Leadership
  - Environmental Education/Interpretation

The traditional Park and Resource Management track provides detailed study in natural history and ecology, park management, cultural resource management, and visitor service management.

The Outdoor Leadership track provides the opportunity for students to develop various soft and hard skills necessary to facilitate others while participating in outdoor pursuits. This track is designed to reach those interested in employment as outdoor and/or adventure guides, camp directors, recreation managers, and all other outdoor leadership positions.

## Majors and Minor

### Majors:

- Park and Resource Management (BS)
- Park and Resource Management/ Environmental Education/Interpretation (BS)
- Park and Resource Management/ Outdoor Leadership (BS)
- Resort Recreation Management&Tourism (BS)
- Therapeutic Recreation (BS)
- Therapeutic Recreation 3+3 PT (BS)

### Minor:

- Therapeutic Recreation

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The Environmental Education/Interpretation track prepares tomorrow's environmental educators and park interpreters for communicating and engaging the public on the natural and cultural world. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum of resource management, field-based natural sciences, and educational methods, students are provided foundational knowledge and hands-on experience.



### BS Degree in Resort Recreation Management

The Resort Recreation Management/Tourism program enables students to meet the challenges of programming special events, planning recreation activities for conference groups and developing new facilities. A strong curriculum is provided with courses in public relations, leadership, administration, planning, programming, guest relations, and commercial recreation. These classes along with a business emphasis or minor supplement our students' marketability along with internships, which are available in community recreation, YMCA's, and many four-season resorts across the country.

Resort Recreation Management is a 120 hour program that offers practical experience including a 12 week internship. The professional preparation along with help from faculty will allow students to develop the skills, knowledge, and field experience necessary to meet the challenges and demands of the fast paced, exciting world of resort recreation management/tourism.

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### BS Degree in Therapeutic Recreation

The Therapeutic Recreation program provides a comprehensive background and training in current recreation therapy practices. Therapeutic recreation specialists, also known as recreational therapists, use selective activities to address the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial needs of persons with illness or disability. Activity modalities and intervention techniques are utilized to improve function/health and to promote independence and wellness. This program is designed with the intent that students will meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the national certification exam administered by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The program is 120 credit hours; students participate in a 12 credit hour internship where they work 40 hours per week for 15 weeks in a private or public agency. Many fieldwork practicums and a culmination internship assist students in gaining experience in a TR setting prior to graduation. Students may choose from several specialty tracks which offer focused coursework to enhance knowledge and skills in a given area. The degree is offered with four different minor options and two areas of emphasis.

### Minors are also available in the following areas:

- Adapted Physical Activity and Rehabilitation
- Exceptionalities
- Gerontology
- Psychology

### Emphasis Areas:

- Corrections



## student organizations:

- Park Ranger Society
- Rho Phi Lambda
- Therapeutic Recreation Club

## career opportunities and internships

Our students have found internship opportunities and employment with the following agencies:

- National Park Service
- US Forest Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
- PA Fish & Boat Commission
- PA Game Commission
- Carnegie Science Center
- Western PA Nature Conservancy
- Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate
- Nickelodeon Family Suites
- Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Outdoor guides, camp directors, and recreation managers are some of the opportunities available to our students choosing the Outdoor Leadership track, while the Environmental Education program prepares students to work in nature centers, zoos, parks, and museums. Graduates of the Therapeutic Recreation program find careers in long term care, psychiatry, physical rehabilitation, behavioral health, and in other settings serving at-risk youth, and persons with developmental disabilities. Resort Recreation students find employment at hotels, resorts, country clubs, theme parks and non-profit organizations such as city park recreation, YMCAs, and campgrounds.

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