

#### 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.

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