Program Description

The BS in parks and recreation management with a concentration in therapeutic recreation is the only program in Arizona that prepares students for national professional certification in therapeutic recreation. The program is designed for students who have an interest in providing therapeutic interventions and adaptive recreation services for individuals with social problems, illnesses and disabling conditions. The required internship component of the program allows students to gain practical experiences in the therapeutic recreation field. Students who choose this concentration are truly committed to improving people's lives and contributing to their communities.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2017 - 2018 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)
Accelerated Degrees

This degree is also offered in an accelerated format with:

Community Resources and Development (Parks and Recreation Management), MS
Community Resources and Development (Sustainable Communities), MS
Community Resources and Development, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior and senior years, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change the major to this program.

Transfer Agreements

Career Opportunities

There are a range of job opportunities for therapeutic recreation professionals including in clinical settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes, adventure programming for youth-at-risk and people with disabilities, and community programs offered through parks and recreation departments.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
<th>*Median Salary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adapted Physical Education Teacher</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
<td>$54,520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Art Therapist</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
<td>$44,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fitness and Wellness Coordinator</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>$77,020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical and Health Services Manager</td>
<td>16.9%</td>
<td>$92,810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music Therapist</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
<td>$44,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recreational Therapist</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
<td>$44,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Therapist (General)</td>
<td>23.6%</td>
<td>$55,900</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

☀ Bright Outlook ☀️ Green Occupation

**Contact Information**

School of Community Resources and Development | UCENT 550  
scrd@asu.edu | 602-496-0550