There is a rising need for recreation therapy specialists with extensive knowledge of clinical settings. This program provides students much of the knowledge and skills necessary to become a Certified Recreation Therapy Specialist and be competitive in this field.

**Program Description**

The BS program in recreation therapy 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 in a variety of settings for individuals with social problems, illnesses and disabling conditions. Students develop knowledge and skills to assess individuals, develop plans of service, provide diverse therapeutic interventions, and evaluate and document outcomes of care. They gain competencies to effectively provide comprehensive therapeutic recreation services that include program design and evaluation, individual and group service provision, and advocating for individuals. The required internship component of the program allows students to gain practical experience in the therapeutic recreation field.

Students who choose this degree program are truly committed to improving people's lives and contributing to their communities. This degree program is one of two such programs in Arizona, both offered by the School of Community Resources and Development. This degree has a heavier emphasis on clinical settings such as hospitals and other health care facilities while the BS parks and recreation (therapeutic recreation) is more oriented toward community settings such as parks and recreation departments and state health services departments.

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.
College/School: Watts College of Public Service & 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)
2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

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 majors to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

Global Opportunities
Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

Recreation therapy is a rapidly growing field, given the rising number of returning veterans and an aging population. Graduates are prepared for work in a wide variety of clinical settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers and extended care facilities. Graduates also are qualified to work in community settings such as 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.

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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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<tr>
<td>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</td>
<td>18.1%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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