

COMMUNITY AND THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

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About

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation is committed to offering an academically challenging program of undergraduate education coupled with a solid foundation of a liberal arts education. The program has been accredited by the NRPA/Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) since 1981.

Mission

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation prepares recreation, park, and leisure services professionals to enhance health, wellness, and quality of life among individuals and communities through excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement.

Vision Statement

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation aims to shape individuals and communities to be healthy, active, inclusive, and empowered through recreation and parks.

Values

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation is guided by the execution of its mission and vision by the following fundamental values. We value:

- Recreation as a basic human need and right of all people;
- Enhanced health, wellness, and quality-of-life for individuals and communities;
- Human growth and development through opportunities for self-expression, creativity, and self-determination;
- Protection and equitable access to parks, open space, and other natural resources; and
- Inclusive communities.

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- Community Recreation Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/community-therapeutic-recreation/community-recreation-minor/>)
- Community and Therapeutic Recreation Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/community-therapeutic-recreation/community-therapeutic-recreation-minor/>)
- Event Planning Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/community-therapeutic-recreation/event-planning-minor/>)
- Recreational Therapy Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/community-therapeutic-recreation/recreational-therapy-minor/>)
- Parks and Recreation Management, M.S. (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/community-therapeutic-recreation/parks-recreation-management-ms/>)