

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT, M.S.

The M.S. in Parks and Recreation Management requires 36 credit hours. Students may choose one of the following two concentrations: Community Recreation Management or Recreational Therapy.

The student, after discussing career goals with his/her advisor, may choose either the thesis or non-thesis option. If the student selects the non-thesis option, the advisor will determine (based on amount of professional experience) whether the student completes a project, an internship, or a combination of a project and an internship. For example, a student choosing the non-thesis option and having minimal professional experience will be required to complete an internship. Students must meet with their advisor or the Director of Graduate Study before registering for any course work.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see <https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/>.

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit a current resume and a professional statement including career goals. Interviews are encouraged for all applicants and required for graduate assistants.

Students in the Recreational Therapy concentration who do not have an undergraduate degree in recreational therapy will be required to take one of the following two courses at the undergraduate level: CTR 231 Introduction to Recreational Therapy or CTR 235 Disabling Conditions and Recreational Therapy. Other support courses not taken at the undergraduate level may also need to be completed by Recreational Therapy students: Anatomy and Physiology, Lifespan Human Development, and Abnormal Psychology.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 36-39 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses (9 credits) ¹		
CTR 611	Foundations of Recreation and Parks	3
CTR 613	Recreation and Parks Management	3
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
CTR 646	Community Development ²	
PCS 605	Skills and Techniques of Conflict Management	
PCS 606	Organizational Conflict: Diagnostic and Intervention Tools	
PCS 685	Resolving Conflict in Health Care Systems: Achieving Peace through Health	
PSC 540	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	
PSC 600	Public Administration and Management	
PSC 604	Public Personnel Management	
PSC 615	Human Resource Development and Performance Management	
Concentration Courses (9 or 15 credits)		
Select 9 or 15 credits in one of the following concentrations:		9 or 15

Community Recreation Management Concentration (9 credits)

Recreational Therapy Concentration (9 or 15 credits) ³

Research Techniques (6 credits) ¹

Select one analysis course (3 credits) from the following: 3

ERM 680	Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education
HEA 604	Quantitative Methods
HHS 601	Qualitative Research Methods for Producers
KIN 723	Statistical Methods for Kinesiology

Select one methods course (3 credits) from the following: 3

ERM 604	Methods of Educational Research
HHS 600	Qualitative Research Methods for Consumers
HHS 625	Research Methods in the Health and Human Sciences
HHS 630	Survey Design: Health and Human Sciences
KIN 601	Applying Research to Professional Practice
SOC 616	Advanced Research Methods

Specialized Line of Study (0-9 credits)

Select 6-9 or 0 credits from 500- to 700-level courses: ⁴ 6-9
or
0

Community Recreation Management concentration students (6-9 credits)

Recreational Therapy concentration students with the CTRS credential (6-9 credits)

Recreational Therapy concentration students without the CTRS credential (0 credits)

Capstone Experience (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from one of the following options: 6

Internship

CTR 697 Internship in Recreation and Parks

Project

CTR 698 Field Project in Recreation and Parks

Internship and Project

CTR 697 Internship in Recreation and Parks
& CTR 698 and Field Project in Recreation and Parks

Thesis

CTR 699 Thesis

Total Credit Hours 36-39

¹ Required of all students.

² For Recreational Therapy concentration students only.

³ Students in the Recreational Therapy concentration with the CTRS credential will complete 9 credits; students without the credential will complete 15 credits. See the concentration requirements for additional details.

⁴ After consultation and approval of their academic advisor, the student selects 6-9 credits of 500-to 700-level course work that constitutes a specialized knowledge base (line of study) relevant to the student's academic and professional interests and goals. Students in the Recreational Therapy concentration who do not hold the CTRS credential will not have a specialized line of study.

Community Recreation Management Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses (9 credits)		
CTR 615	Financing and Budgeting in Recreation and Parks	3
CTR 644	Recreation, Parks, and Health	3
CTR 646	Community Development	3
Total Credit Hours		9

Recreational Therapy Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses (9 credits) *		
CTR 633	Professional Issues in Recreational Therapy	3
CTR 634	Advanced Procedures in Recreational Therapy	3
CTR 637	Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Recreational Therapy	3
Additional Courses (6 credits) **		
CTR 638	Advanced Client Assessment in Recreational Therapy	3
CTR 639	Advanced Clinical Procedures in Recreational Therapy	3
Total Credit Hours		9-15

* Required for all students in the Recreational Therapy concentration.

** Required only for students who do not hold the CTRS credential.

Select two of the following:

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CTR 615	Financing and Budgeting in Recreation and Parks
CTR 644	Recreation, Parks, and Health
CTR 646	Community Development

For the Recreational Therapy Concentration

Select two of the following:

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CTR 633	Professional Issues in Recreational Therapy
CTR 634	Advanced Procedures in Recreational Therapy
CTR 637	Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Recreational Therapy
CTR 638	Advanced Client Assessment in Recreational Therapy
CTR 639	Advanced Clinical Procedures in Recreational Therapy
CTR 646	Community Development

All additional degree requirements for the M.S. in Parks and Recreation Management remain the same.

Accelerated B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management to M.S. in Parks and Recreation Management

Application and Admission

Qualified UNC Greensboro undergraduate students who are pursuing the B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP). A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 credits earned at UNC Greensboro is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 college-level credits and may not apply for admission to the AMP before the first semester of the junior year. Applicants will not be required to take an entrance exam. All applicants must complete the Accelerated Master's Program information when applying for admission to the graduate degree program.

Courses

Admitted students may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level course work (each course carries 3 credits) from the following course list toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degree, provided that they earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in each course and fulfill graduate-level requirements:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required for both Concentrations		
CTR 611	Foundations of Recreation and Parks	3
CTR 613	Recreation and Parks Management	3
For the Community Recreation Management Concentration		