

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 Therapeutic Recreation.

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 the Guide to Graduate Admissions (<https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/>).

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 Therapeutic Recreation concentration who do not have an undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation will be required to take one of the following two courses at the undergraduate level: CTR 231 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation or CTR 235 Disabling Conditions and Therapeutic Recreation. Other support courses not taken at the undergraduate level may also need to be completed by Therapeutic Recreation 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	
PSC 540	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	
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 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
<i>Community Recreation Management Concentration (9 credits)</i>	
<i>Therapeutic Recreation Concentration (9 or 15 credits) ³</i>	
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
<i>Community Recreation Management concentration students (6-9 credits)</i>	
<i>Therapeutic Recreation concentration students with the CTRS credential (6-9 credits)</i>	
<i>Therapeutic Recreation concentration students without the CTRS credential (0 credits)</i>	
Capstone Experience (6 credits)	
Select 6 credits from one of the following options:	6
<i>Internship</i>	
CTR 697	Internship in Recreation and Parks
<i>Project</i>	
CTR 698	Field Project in Recreation and Parks
<i>Internship and Project</i>	
CTR 697 & CTR 698	Internship in Recreation and Parks and Field Project in Recreation and Parks
<i>Thesis</i>	
CTR 699	Thesis
Total Credit Hours	36-39

¹ Required of all students.

² For Therapeutic Recreation concentration students only.

³ Students in the Therapeutic Recreation 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 Therapeutic Recreation 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

Therapeutic Recreation Concentration

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

* Required for all students in the Therapeutic Recreation concentration.

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

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		

Select two of the following: 6

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

For the Therapeutic Recreation Concentration

Select two of the following: 6

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

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