

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

RLST 3450 Recreation Practicum

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TEXTBOOK: Recreation Majors Handbook

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Become acquainted with all aspects of the agency (staff, organizational structure, funding base, clientele, budget, etc.). (each practicum).
2. Evaluate the agency and the job they do. (each practicum).
3. Identify areas (e.g., budgeting, evaluation) where you still need to learn more. (each practicum)
4. Develop new understanding of career prospects in recreation and leisure services.
5. Gain leadership and/or programming experience in the provision of services.
6. Gain experience in the development, maintenance and/or management of leisure resources.
7. Gain experience in providing leisure services to individuals with special needs.

Note: Objectives 1-5 must be met in each practicum; 6-7 need to be met in one or another.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Forty five hours of practicum experience. (in no more than 2 agencies)
- b) Typed 2 page evaluation of your practicum (using objectives as a guideline) for each agency. Due last day of regular classes.
- c) Attendance at at least two meetings (one of the first two and the last two).
- d) Oral presentation of experience (with attention to objectives) at last meeting.
- e) You must receive a satisfactory evaluation from your agency(ies) to receive a satisfactory grade.