

RLST 3450 SYLLABUS: PRACTICUM IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

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Textbook: Refer to Recreation Majors Handbook

Website: <http://www.coe.uga.edu/syllabus/rlst/index.html>

Course Description: A practicum is a course within the RLST curriculum that provides students with an opportunity to serve in positions in local recreation and leisure service agencies.

Practica may be scheduled in the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters for 1 hour credit each; or during one semester for 2 hours of credit.

Students are required to complete two practica, addressing the following objectives:

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. (each practicum)
5. Gain leadership and/or programming experience in the provision of services. (each practicum)
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.

All objectives must be met over 2 hrs of credit. Numbers 1-5 must be addressed in each hour; Numbers 6 and 7 must be addressed in at least one practicum hour.

Practicum Requirements

Students will meet twice each semester. A meeting will be held during the first week of classes to receive information about practicum assignments, and another will be held during the last week of classes to report on experiences.

Each 1 hour of semester credit requires 45 hours of volunteer time in an agency. Arrangements may be made with 2 agencies for 1 credit, but 20 hours of work is the minimum required in each.

A two page typed report--addressing the course objectives is due at the last meeting time.

The only grades assigned for the practicum course will be S or U. Late reports, missed meetings, or unsatisfactory evaluations will result in a student receiving a U.

There are many practicum sites available, a few of these are:

Athens Clarke Co. Leisure Services Dept.
(Memorial Park, Bishop Park, Sandy Creek Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center)
Athens Heritage Home, Inc.
Atlanta Bureau of Parks and Recreation
Extra Special People, Inc.
Georgia Outdoor Recreation Program (GORP) UGA
Grandview Care Center, Inc.
Oconee Co. Recreation Dept.
Oconee Forest Park
Recreational Sports (UGA)
State Botanical Gardens
YMCA
YWCO

The practicum report forms that follow must be submitted on time and completed satisfactorily. These forms include:

- a. "Practicum Registration" form - must be completed and turned in to the Department practicum supervisor on the date assigned at the first meeting.
- b. "Student Evaluation of Recreation Practicum" form - must be completed and turned in to the Department practicum supervisor along with the student's final report at the final practicum meeting. You will also give a short oral report of your experiences.
- c. "Agency Supervisor Evaluation of Recreation Practicum" form - to be completed and returned by the agency supervisor and due at the final practicum meeting.

- d. "Work Sheet (Time Log)" form - can be maintained by either the student or the agency supervisor, but must be signed by the agency supervisor and returned to the Department practicum supervisor by the final practicum meeting.
- e. A journal must be kept detailing daily activities, thoughts, and impressions of the agency and the volunteer work. You may be creative with this assignment.

It is highly recommended that you purchase liability insurance. Insurance is available for \$7 by becoming a student member of SPAGE: Student Professional Educators of Georgia.

*All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty."
Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those
standards before performing any academic work.*

*This course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations
announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.*

Due Date: _____

Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies
University of Georgia
300 River Rd - Ramsey Center
Athens, GA 30602-6555
706 542 5064 Tel 706 542 7917 Fax

RLST 3450 PRACTICUM REGISTRATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ E-Mail _____

Address (Athens):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Practica already completed(if any): _____

Number of hours of work anticipated in this practicum_____ (no less than 20)

Agency or work site established for practicum: _____

Supervisor's name _____

Telephone # _____

Objectives to be addressed in practicum (see syllabus); check all that apply:

- 1. Become acquainted with all aspects of the agency (staff, organizational structure, funding base, clientele, budget, etc.). (each practicum).
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- 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.
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STUDENT EVALUATION OF RECREATION PRACTICUM

Name _____
Last First

Semester _____ Year _____

PRACTICUM:

Name of Agency _____

Agency Address _____

Center Supervisor _____ Phone # _____

Description of Program Participants _____

Activities Engaged In _____

Was the practicum experience beneficial to you? _____

Would you recommend this experience for others? _____

Prepare a two page (typed) statement addressing the practicum objectives as they pertain to your practicum experience. Use your journal to help you complete this assignment.

Prepare your report and submit it to the Department practicum coordinator no later than

_____.

RLST 3450 Practicum Presentation

In 5 minutes, please discuss the following areas:

1. Name of agency, nature of services provided
2. Evaluate agency, things they do well, any areas for improvement
3. Pick two of the following competency areas and discuss the experiences learned in these areas

Assessment

Planning

Implementation

Evaluation

Leadership

Ethics

Communication

4. Describe your experiences either with natural resources or special needs populations, or both.
5. Did you develop any new understanding of your career direction in the field of recreation and leisure services? Please elaborate.

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POSSIBLE PRACTICUM SITES
(RLST 3450)

Amicalola Falls State Lodge Park

Cassie Hodges, Naturalist
240 Amicalola Falls State Park Rd.
Dawsonville, GA 30534
706-265-4703

Arbor Terrace*

Molly Burgess
3736 Atlanta Hwy.
Athens, GA 30606
706-353-0400

Athens/Clarke County Leisure Services

(all departments)
Kathy Padgett/Kent Kilpatrick,
Volunteer Coordinators
Old Commerce Road
Athens, GA 30607
613-3625

Athens Heritage Home, Inc.

Gina Shoemaker, Administrator
Jenny Miller
960 Hawthorne Ave.
Athens, GA 30606
549-1613

Athens Adult Day Care Center*

Kristen Barge
Community Council on Aging
135 Hoyt Street
Athens, GA 30601
549-4850

Atlanta Bureau of Recreation

Altu Zewdu
Karl L. McCray, Truman Tolefree
City Hall East - 8th Floor
675 Ponce De Leon Ave., NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 817-6767

Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens, Inc.

P.O. Box 546
592 Oconee St.
Athens, GA 30603
549-7017

Broad River Outpost*

Michael Moody
Carlton, GA 30627
(706) 795-3242

Camp Twin Lakes

Dan Mathews
1391 Keencheefoonee Road
P O Box 280
Rutledge, GA 30663
(706) 557-9070 Rutledge
(404) 231-9887 Ext 223 Atlanta
e-mail: camptwinlakes@mindspring.com

Charbon=s Outfitters*

Kris Rapp
1225 S. Milledge Ave.
Athens, GA 30605
548-7225

Extra Special People, Inc.

Martha Wyllie
Volunteer Year-Round Director
P O Box 615
Watkinsville, GA 30677
(706) 769-9333

Georgia Options*

Clifton Hill
185 Ben Burton Circle
Bogart, GA 30622
706-546-0009 Ext 26

Georgia Special Olympics, Inc.*

Georgia Milton-Sheats
3772 Pleasantdale Rd.
Suite 195
Atlanta, GA 30340-4270
1-800-866-4400

Kathy Smith
337 S. Milledge Ave.
Athens, GA 30605
548-3550

Grandview Care Center, Inc.

Activities Director
165 Winston Dr.
Athens, GA 30607
549-6013

Lanier Gardens/Wesley Woods Homes, Inc.*

Administrator
801 Riverhill Drive
Athens, GA 30606
546-1482

Len Foote Hike Inn

General Manager
240 Amicalola Falls State Park
Dawsonville, GA 30534
706 864-4020
e-mail: hikeinn@alltel.net
web site: hike-inn.com

Madison County Senior Center

Eloise McCurley, Director
P O Box 777
1265 Hwy 98 W
Danielsville, GA 30633
795-2542

Morningside - Assisted Living

Activity Director
1291 Cedar Shoals Dr.
Athens, GA 30605
227-0919

N.E. Ga Girl Scout Council*

Mary Hurst
P.O. Box 5367
Athens, GA 30604
548-7297

State Botanical Gardens

Oconee County Middle School*

Coach Saunders
1101 Marks Hill Rd.
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-769-3575

Oconee Co. Recreation Dept.

Jone M. Taylor, Director
P.O. Box 55
Highway #53
Watkinsville, GA 30677
769-3965

Oconee Forest Park

Dan Williams, Director
c/o School of Forest Resources
UGA - Campus
542-2521

Oglethorpe Co. Recreation & Parks*

Tina Fleming
P O Box 261
Lexington, GA 30648
706 743-8371

Recreational Sports

Jane Russell, Director
Theresa Bettis
Donna Waters (GORP)
Ramsey Center
UGA - Campus
542-5060

Rock Eagle 4-H Center

(UGA Cooperative Extension Service)
Environmental Education Program
350 Rock Eagle Rd., NW
Eatonton, GA 31024-6104
706 484-2862
Steve Dorsch
e-mail: 4henved@uga.edu

Ann Shank

104 Callaway Bldg.
2450 S. Milledge
Athens, GA 30605
542-1244

Wahsega 4-H Center
(UGA Cooperative Extension Service)
Environmental Education Program
77 Cloverleaf Trail
Dahlonega, GA 30533
706 864-2050
Paul Coote
e-mail: paulc@uga.edu

Watson Mill Bridge State Park
O. Lee Moon, Site Manager
650 Watson Mill Road
Comer, GA 30629
706 783-5349 (Tel.) 706 783-3790 Fax
e-mail: watson@negia.net

Will-A-Way Recreation Area*
Director
Fort Yargo State Park
P.O. Box 764
Winder, GA 30680
(770) 867-6123

Winder-Barrow YMCA
Director
76 N. Broad
Winder, GA 30680
770 868-2917 (Tel.) 770 868-2949 Fax
e-mail: winderymca@aol.com

YMCA
Pat Mercardante, Youth Director
915 Hawthorne Ave.
Athens, GA 30606
543-6596

YWCO
Kitty Mayron, Assistant Director
562 Research Dr.

Athens, GA 30605
354-7880

United Cerebral Palsy After School Program*

Trudy Ayers
Lawrenceville, GA
770 822-3444

* need own insurance or sign waiver -
no current agreement