

## **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/chds/rlst/undergrad/practica.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.
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 1-4 must be addressed in each hour; Numbers 5-7 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 with the student's final report at the final practicum meeting.
- 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.

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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).
- 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.
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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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_.





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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 - 8<sup>th</sup> 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