Employment Opportunities

Local/State/National Parks
Community Recreation
Adventure Leadership
Rehabilitation Hospitals
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Camp Industry
Long-Term Care
Event Planning
State/Local Tourism
Military Recreation
U.S. Forest Service

Behavioral Centers
Campus Recreation
Residential Facilities
Psychiatric Hospitals
Wilderness Therapy
Aquatics
Fish and Wildlife
Theme Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Churches
Resorts
4-H

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Our MISSION
To offer an accredited Master's degree with several focuses within the field of recreation with our faculty committed to combining theory and experience in preparing students for successful employment in the field.

Program Goals

- To enhance the marketability of each student in professional roles and responsibilities.
- To ensure each student can understand and apply research and problem solving processes to recreation and leisure services.
- To have each student understand the overall administrative process for recreation and leisure services.
- To provide opportunities for scholarly and service endeavors (i.e. published paper, professional presentation, grant proposal, supervising a community event etc.).

Exciting REC 790 Special Topics courses have included:
- Wilderness Orientation & Expedition Management
- Federal Lands Management
- Teaching in the Outdoors
- Geography of Outdoor Recreation
- Economic Impact of Tourism & Community Events
- Economic & Social Impacts of Tourism
- Fisheries Management
- Bourbon & Beer Tourism in Kentucky
- Research Methods for Special Events

Research & Service Learning:
- Cumberland County Recreation and Wellness Feasibility Study
- Therapeutic Recreation Social Skills program, Bellevue Alternative School
- Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Cultural Restoration Project
- Cumberland Island National Seashore Projects
- Economic Impact Survey and Analysis
- Special Olympics Young Athlete Program
- Recreation and Parks Master Plans
- Salamander Population Survey Great Smokey Mountains National Park
- Recreation Relief Drive for Tornado Victims in West Liberty, Kentucky
- Staff Motivation Manual for KRPS
- Annual Wheelchair Sports Exhibitions

Internship Examples:
- Kentucky State Parks
- Joshua Tree National Park, CA
- Daniel Boone National Forrest, KY
- Cincinnati Recreation Commission, OH
- Lexington Div. of Parks and Recreation, KY
- Rocky Mountain National Park, CO
- Frazier Rehabilitation Institute, KY
- American Hospitality Academy, SC
- Fripp Island Resort, FL
- Sundial Beach Resort, FL
- Land Between The Lakes, KY
- Ridge Behavioral Health System
- Sawgrass Marriot Resort, FL
- North American River Runners, WV
- Kiawah Island Golf Resort, SC
- HealthSouth Rehab Hospitals
- Boulder Parks and Recreation, CO
- VA Medical Center, KY
- Ft. Knox MWR, KY
- Mammoth Cave National Park, KY
- Kentucky 4-H
- Henderson Parks and Recreation, NV
- Turtle Bay Resort, HI
- Exposure Alaska, AK
- Yosemite National Park, CA