

The Recreation and Leisure Services Program Mission:

The mission of the Recreation and Leisure Services Program is to provide each student the opportunity to acquire the education, training, and practice necessary to become competent professionals in the recreation and leisure services profession and to make a significant contribution to our culturally diverse society.

The Recreation and Leisure Services Program will achieve its mission by:

- Maintaining and encouraging close relationships between students and public, private, voluntary, and commercial recreation agencies through an intensive fieldwork and internship requirement
- Evaluating curriculum with alumni, practitioners, current students, and certification bodies on a regular basis, utilizing a variety of methods
- Providing an excellent student-centered learning environment with professionally accomplished faculty who are strongly committed to teaching current leisure trends and issues through traditional and innovative methods

The Recreation and Leisure Services Program Vision:

To provide an excellent professional program grounded in a solid liberal arts foundation. We are interested in graduating students who can communicate in oral and written form, use technology effectively, and who have a working knowledge of the research process. Moreover, in our program, students' skills are refined in the areas of critical thinking, interpersonal relationships, teamwork, and leadership. We believe all of these elements are necessary tools for the modern day workforce.

Our commitment to providing an excellent education in the area of recreation and leisure services is accomplished via a blend of teaching and learning approaches. Many of the courses offered in our curriculum utilize an element of service or experiential learning, followed by a reflective process. From classroom exercises and projects, to site visits and experiences in the field, we strive to offer an outstanding educational experience.

The Recreation and Leisure Services Program Values:

The RCLS faculty value professionalism, passion, and commitment in the classroom and we strive to incorporate wellness, balance, and a recreation lifestyle into our personal lives. We believe our professional and personal lives require congruence in order to be effective educators. We also want our students to uphold the values of professionalism, passion, and commitment to the profession, while maintaining a lifestyle of balance, activity, and wellness.