



UNC
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Department of
Community and
Therapeutic Recreation

Master of Science Degree in Parks and Recreation Management

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation offers the **Master of Science (MS) degree**. Students may choose one of the following two concentrations: (a) Community Recreation Management, or (b) Therapeutic Recreation.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science Degree

Requirements for admission to the program include: An official transcript with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00, a current resume, a professional statement including career goals, and three references. Interviews are encouraged for all applicants and required for graduate assistants. A standardized test is not required. Students in the Therapeutic Recreation concentration who do not have an undergraduate degree in Recreation and Parks will be required to take one additional undergraduate TR course (CTR 231 or 235), in order to complete the 6 required TR courses (18 credits) necessary to apply for professional certification and licensure. There are no undergraduate prerequisite courses in the Community Recreation Management concentration.

Requirements for completion of the program include: Of the **36** hours required, at least one-half of the work credited toward the degree must be in 600-level courses or above. Graduation requires an overall average of B (3.0), or better, and successful completion of a capstone experience (thesis, project, internship). The student, after discussing his/her career goals with his/her advisor, may choose either the thesis or non-thesis option. However, if the student selects the non-thesis option, the advisor will determine (based on amount of professional experience) whether the student does a project, internship, or both. For example, a student choosing the non-thesis option and having minimal professional experience will be required to do an internship or an internship and project. There is a five (5) academic year time limitation beginning with the first graduate course taken. Prerequisites do not count toward the time limit. Students must meet with their advisor or the Director of Graduate Study *before* registering for any coursework.

- A. Core Courses** (required of all CTR graduate students [9 hours])
 CTR 611 - Foundations of Recreation and Parks (3)
 CTR 613 - Recreation and Parks Management (3)

Select one of the following courses:

- CTR 646 - Community Development – *TR students only* (3)
 PCS 605 - Skills and Techniques of Conflict Transformation (3)
 PCS 606 - Organizational Conflict: Theories and Practice (3)
 PCS 685 - Resolving Conflict in Health Care Systems (3)
 PSC 540 - Nonprofit Management and Leadership (3)
 PSC 600 - Public Administration and Management (3)
 PSC 604 - Public Personnel Management (3)
 PSC 615 - Human Resource Development and Performance Management (3)

B. Concentration Courses

Community Recreation Management (9 hours)

- CTR 615 - Financing and Budgeting in Recreation & Parks (3)
 CTR 644 - Recreation, Parks, and Health (3)
 CTR 646 - Community Development (3)

Therapeutic Recreation (9 - 15 hours)

- CTR 633 - Professional Issues in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
 CTR 634 - Advanced Procedures in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
 CTR 637 - Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
 CTR 638 - Advanced Client Assessment in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
 CTR 639 - Advanced Clinical Procedures in Therapeutic Recreation (3)

Note: Students who are currently certified as a CTRS choose three of five courses. Students without certification take all five courses.

C. Research Techniques Courses (required of all CTR graduate students [6 hours])

Select one of the following four “analysis” courses:

- ERM 680 - Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education (3)
 HEA 604 - Public Health Statistics (3)
 HHS 601 - Qualitative Research for Producers (3)
 KIN 723 - Statistical Methods for Kinesiology (3)

and

Select one of the following five “research methods” courses:

- ERM 604 - Methods of Education Research (3)
 HHS 600 - Qualitative Research for Consumers (3)
 HHS 625 - Research Methods in Health and Human Sciences (3)
 KIN 601 - Applying Research to Professional Practice (3)
 SOC 616 - Advanced Research Methods (3)

D. Specialized Line of Study Courses (0-9 hours)

After consultation and approval of his/her academic advisor, a student in CRM or TR with CTRS certification selects 6-9 hours of 500-700 level coursework that constitute a specialized knowledge base (line of study) relevant to the student's academic and professional interests and goals. Those in TR, who are not currently certified as a CTRS, will not have a "Specialized Line of Study."

E. Capstone Experience (6 credits; check catalogue for prerequisites)

Select one of the following:

- CTR 697 - Internship in Recreation and Parks 6
- CTR 698 - Field Project in Recreation and Parks 6
- A Combination of CTR 697 (3) *and* CTR 698 (3) 6
- CTR 699 - Thesis 6

Departmental Elective Courses

CTR 695 - Independent Study	3
CTR 696 - Directed Readings	3
CTR 711 - Experimental Course	3
CTR 801 - Thesis Extension	1-3
CTR 803 - Research Extension	1-3

Note: A student may not exceed a total of 6 credits of CTR 695 and/or CTR 696. 695 or 696 may not be taken in a student's first semester.

Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AMP) – B.S. to M.S. Degree Program

Application and Admission

Qualified UNCG undergraduate students who are pursuing the B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 hours earned at UNCG is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 college semester credits and may apply for admission to the AMP as early as the first semester of the junior year. Applicants must apply for admission through the Graduate School (<https://grs.uncg.edu/>). In the graduate application, students declare their status as an Accelerated Master's Program applicant.

Admitted students may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level coursework (each course carries 3 credits) from the following course list toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, provided that they earn a grade of "B" (3.0) or better in each course:

Required for both concentrations:

- CTR 611 - Foundations of Recreation and Parks (3)
- CTR 613 - Recreation and Parks Management (3)

Options for the **Community Recreation Management** concentration (*two of three courses*):

- CTR 615 - Financing and Budgeting in Recreation & Parks (3)
- CTR 644 - Recreation, Parks, and Health (3)
- CTR 646 - Community Development (3)

Options for the **Therapeutic Recreation** concentration (*two of three courses*):

- CTR 633 - Professional Issues in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
- CTR 634 - Advanced Procedures in Therapeutic Recreation (3)
- CTR 637 - Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Therapeutic Recreation (3)

Please consult with your major advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program. All degree requirements for the M.S. degree in Parks and Recreation Management remain the same. Several undergraduate courses within the B.S. - Recreation and Parks Management program will be substituted with graduate-level courses identified within the AMP.

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