

Parks and Recreation Management (Therapeutic Recreation), BS

PPPRMTRBS

ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Students interested in this program should apply directly to the [BS in Parks, Recreation and Sport Management](#).

Live your best life and help others do the same. Become a recreational therapist and make a difference in the lives of individuals who live with illness and disabling conditions. Use activity-based therapeutic interventions, empower people to live a healthy leisure lifestyle and enjoy a rewarding career through your work with human service and recreation programs in the community.

Program description

The BS program in parks and recreation management with a concentration in therapeutic recreation prepares students to apply for eligibility to take the national professional certification through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. <https://www.nctrc.org>


The degree program prepares competent entry-level recreational therapists with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to improve functional outcomes and increase participation in life activities with individuals experiencing health conditions. It is designed for students who want to learn to conduct assessments, develop service plans, implement therapeutic interventions, and evaluate and document outcomes of care. They gain skills to effectively provide comprehensive therapeutic recreation services that include program design and evaluation, individual and group service provision, and advocacy. The required fieldwork component of the program facilitates the development of competencies needed to provide quality recreational therapy services.

Students who choose this degree program are truly committed to improving people's lives and contributing to their communities. It is one of two such programs in Arizona, both offered by the School of Community Resources and Development. This program prepares students to provide recreational therapy services in community settings such as youth programs, adaptive sports, or parks and recreation while the Bachelor of Science in recreational therapy has a heavier emphasis on health care settings such as hospitals and human service agencies.

The Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions accredits this degree program.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of [the WUE program](#).

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) **WUE**
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2021 - 2022 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Community Resources and Development \(Parks and Recreation Management\), MS](#)

[Community Resources and Development \(Sustainable Communities\), MS](#)

[Community Resources and Development, MS](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

With more than 300 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), [studying abroad](#) is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a future-focused career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs.

Career opportunities

There is a wide range of job opportunities for therapeutic recreation professionals, including in clinical settings such as hospitals and nursing homes, adventure programming for youth-at-risk and people with disabilities, and community programs offered through parks and recreation departments.

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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