ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Please explore Degree Search for other similar program options.

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. Using activity-based therapeutic interventions, enjoy a rewarding career empowering people to live a healthy leisure lifestyle 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 in therough 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, 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 Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **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 and 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. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century 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. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities
There are 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: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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