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Practicum in Recreation

RECM 460
10-15 credits
Fall, 2000

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Course Objectives:

The recreation management program at the University of Montana is designed to prepare students for professional positions in the development and management of recreation and parks programs and resources. The program is based on the philosophy that the student's professional preparation should be balanced with theoretical and practical learning opportunities. The course objectives include:

1. Practical work experience
2. Understand and appreciate the professional duties and responsibilities of personnel in the field
3. Relate academic experiences
4. Determine professional strengths and weaknesses and strive for improvements
5. Development of professional identity

Courses of Action-meeting the practicum objectives:

1. Seek exposure to a variety of professional management or leadership situations, including a continuing dialogue with the agency supervisor.
2. Maintenance of a daily log or journal of practicum experience, submitted weekly to the University coordinator.
3. Development and completion of a special project, including submission of a written final report to the University coordinator.
4. Self-evaluation, agency evaluation.

Selection:

1. Students must have completed 400 hours of work in recreation management and leadership prior to enrolling in the practicum
2. Students must have completed most if not all of their other major courses and preferably will have attained senior standing by the end of the semester prior to enrollment.
3. Students must seek approval by the University Coordinator of the practicum site prior to registration.
4. Students must complete RecM 450, Pre-Practicum Professional Preparation prior to enrollment.