

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
*School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism (RHT)*

**PRLS 598 Special Topics - Administration of Therapeutic Recreation Services  
(3 credits)**

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PREREQUISITE: Permission of Instructor (POI)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Study, review, and compare the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) Standards including changes, updates, and dates to make sure Mason's *Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Concentration* (both courses and curriculum) meets these stipulations. The NCTRC Certification Standards serve as the official guidelines for test eligibility status and govern all requirements pertaining to certification and recertification.

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This course is individually designed to offer the student an opportunity to study curriculum and coursework currently accredited through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) with changes occurring within the certifying body NCTRC to seek and remain compliant with both. The expectation is that the student will meet with the supervising faculty to determine specific requirements to meet the objectives below. It is the responsibility of the student to turn in assignments when due, attend all scheduled meetings, and complete all written work. Students must adhere to the standards of the George Mason University Honor Code.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

At the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Review and assess NCTRC/NRPA standards' supportive coursework for the *TR Concentration*
2. Identify increased *TR Concentration* content coursework to meet NCTRC standards
3. Justify changes to meet the content coursework requirements within Assessment; TR Process; and Advancement of the Profession to make sure that at a minimum 50% of the course be devoted to the designated content material

4. Accurately demonstrate how the Field Placement Standards' increase in the number of internship weeks, hours, and faculty supervision can be executed to meet NCTRC standards

**REQUIRED READING:**

A book of readings to include: <http://www.nctrc.org/documents/1NewAp.pdf>. Retrieved Aug. 25, 2010.

**EVALUATION:**

**TR Program Review Portfolio**

Comparison matrix of current Mason <i>TR Concentration</i> courses' competencies to NCTRC latest content standards	50%
Syllabus for fifth <i>TR Concentration</i> course to meet all NCTRC designated areas	30%
Presentation to PRLS faculty of justification for any <i>TR Concentration</i> changes	<u>20%</u>
	100%

<b>Grading Scale</b>	B+ = 88 – 89	C+ = 78 – 79		
A = 94 – 100	B = 84 – 87	C = 74 – 77		
A- = 90 – 93	B- = 80 – 83	C- = 70 – 73	F = 0 – 69	

*Attendance Policy*

Mason Catalog: “Students are expected to attend the class periods of the courses for which they register. In-class participation is important to the individual student and to the class as a whole. Because class participation may be a factor in grading, instructors may use absence, tardiness, or early departure as de facto evidence of non-participation. Students who miss an exam with an acceptable excuse may be penalized according to the individual instructor’s grading policy, as stated in the course syllabus.”



- ❑ All students are held to the standards of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/#Anchor12>]
- ❑ University policy states that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the professor
- ❑ Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the Office of Disability Services and inform the instructor in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See [www.ods.gmu.edu](http://www.ods.gmu.edu)]
- ❑ For additional School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism information, please visit the website at <http://rht.gmu.edu>