

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism

PRLS 327-001—Foundation of Therapeutic Recreation -11306 (3)  
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PREREQUISITES  
None

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the processes and techniques of therapeutic recreation to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities. This course examines the history, concepts, theories, and foundations of therapeutic recreation.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the theories, concepts, and philosophy of therapeutic recreation.
- Demonstrate an understanding of therapeutic recreation programming models and principles and discuss the continuum theory in the delivery of leisure services for people with disabilities from treatment to independent recreation participation.
- Justify the health benefits of therapeutic recreation and discuss psychological and social implications of illness and disability.
- Distinguish between the roles of staff in the provision of therapeutic recreation in community and health care settings.
- Discuss key legislation concerning the rights of the people with disabilities.
- Discuss the purpose and processes associated with group and individualized program planning.
- Analyze and design activities for therapeutic outcome, leisure education and recreation participation.
- Discuss the importance of and techniques for developing appropriate therapeutic relationships and utilizing social networks and family in the planning and provision of services.
- Identify key components of ethical behavior in therapeutic recreation, responsibilities for professional development, cultural competence, credentialing, and professionalism in therapeutic recreation services.

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

Covers nature and perceptions of disability and their consequences; problems of stigma, stereotype, and labeling; and principles of normalization and inclusion. Introduces therapeutic recreation model and activity assessment. Course readings and assignments introduce the role of TR for disadvantaged populations and persons with disabilities and illnesses in health care and community settings. Students will examine the application of TR in prevention services and the link between social, psychological, and physical health. Students will also gain a basic understanding of the disabilities, impairments and illnesses most often encountered in the provision of therapeutic recreation services is also provided. Course topics and assignments will provide students with a basic understanding of the principles and techniques in therapeutic recreation programming from a systems perspective to include client assessment, individual programming planning, behavioral techniques, activity analysis, documentation, adaptation, specific program design, and program evaluation.

The course lecture and assignments are designed to “build upon knowledge and skills gained throughout the course” that enable successful completion of the final assignment, a *Therapeutic Recreation Intervention Plan* for a specific population. To acquire the necessary knowledge, there are five assignments and one off-site observation assignment. These will be critiqued, graded, and will progressively form the basis for your final assignment, the *Therapeutic Recreation Intervention Plan*.

For written assignments, you can choose to follow the guidelines of either the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA) (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) or the *American Medical Association* (10<sup>th</sup> Edition).

Communication is an important facet of this course. As such, I ask that you **check our Blackboard DAILY** for messages and updates. Keep a special eye out for weather related announcements!

### Expectations of Students

- Students are expected to:
  - attend all class sessions
  - submit and bring hard copies of assignments and worksheets to class
  - actively participate in class discussions
  - complete in-class exercises, and
  - turn in all assignments by the due dates assigned.

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Further, upon completion of this course, students will meet the following professional accreditation standards through the [Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions \(COAPRT\)](#):

7.01: Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate the following entry-level knowledge: a) the nature and scope of the relevant park, recreation, tourism or related professions and their associated industries; b) techniques and processes used by professionals and workers in these industries; and c) the foundation of the profession in history, science and philosophy.

### NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY

This class uses in class instruction (face to face), group discussion, student presentations, out of class research and completion of self-study worksheets, and one off-campus program observation. ***Students are encouraged to bring their personal laptop for some classes have exercises that will require group discussion and report out of ideas and class exercises***

A variety of materials and teaching/learning methods are used to enable students to gain knowledge, skills, and practical experience in applying skills.

- Lesson Plan: There are ten (10) in class lessons in this course. Lessons consist of reading assignments posted on Blackboard, research articles, online reading, and class discussion questions. Students should read the lesson objectives and complete the reading assignments.
- Five dates are scheduled as individual research/self-study days and will provide time for completion of assignments and worksheets.
  - No class will be held on these days in order to provide an opportunity for students to complete the assignments and prepare required worksheets.
- Assignments and worksheet will be turned in at the beginning of the class date identified in the schedule.

### REQUIRED READINGS

The course will use:

- Course Text: Introduction to Recreation Services for People with Disabilities
  - Bullock, C., Mahon, M., Killingsworth, C. (2010). *Introduction to Recreation Services for People with Disabilities, third edition*. Sagamore Publishing, Champaign, Illinois.
- Articles, Websites, documents and handouts
- Outside research and reading assignments

## EVALUATION

### Assignments

- Unless otherwise noted, **assignments will be submitted to a designated assignment folder on our course Blackboard**. This allows for an “originality check” and you can also view your own originality report.
- Assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the specific due date.
  - **Papers received after the beginning of class will be considered late and receive a 10% deduction in points per 24-hour period**. If you encounter extreme emergencies or are participating in a pre-approved university-sponsored function, exceptions may be made; however, these must be discussed with me to determine if they fall in this category. I strongly encourage you to make a back-up copy of any work submitted since computers have been known to crash at the most inopportune times.
- All written papers are to be submitted in WORD (docx).

#### **Assignment 1: Legislation and Barriers - Self-Study Guide (50 points)**

Students will complete a self-study worksheet covering chapters 4 & 5 of the course text. Students will thoroughly address each of the self-study questions on blackboard.

#### **Assignment 2: Reflections on Health & TR (100 points)**

After reviewing an in-class video titled UnNatural Causes and materials presented in lecture, students will write a 2 to 3 page reflection paper to address structured questions that are designed to stimulate the student’s ability to understand and discuss the role TR has in whole population health while supporting specific issues in targeted populations.

#### **Assignment 3: Disability Profile (200 points)**

Therapeutic recreation (TR) uses recreation and leisure as a modality to facilitate independent functioning and enhance quality of life. The Disability Profile assignment is designed to be completed with a partner or small group of 3 students. In this assignment, students will acquire a detailed understanding of a specific disability, their treatment needs, functional abilities, and the types of therapeutic recreation activity that meets the leisure related needs of the disability or diagnostic group. Students will use the associated course text chapter to prepare a presentation for the class.

Students will complete a presentation that addresses the critical information presented in the course text and will include a Disability Profile that addresses the following areas:

1. Definition of the disability/disorder
2. Symptoms and Causes
3. Problems associated with diagnosis (Clinical Features or Risk Factors, Deficit or Functional Impairment areas)
4. Discuss how the disability/disorder effects a person's ability to have a satisfying leisure lifestyle and participate in recreation activities
5. What therapeutic recreation treatments or facilitated activity intervention are appropriate for the disability group
6. Suggest ways to increase participation – what accommodations or adaptations/solutions can be made specific for leisure/recreation involvement

Given this is a partner/group assignment, 10% of each students grade will be based on level of participation in the preparation and delivery of the class presentation.

#### **Assignment 4: Program Observation & Evaluation (100 points)**

The purpose of this assignment is to observe, evaluate and apply knowledge gained through class lecture and research in functioning TR program. The students will include:

1. Participate in a 2 hour TR program
2. Complete a post session report/evaluation on the program
3. Identify ways in which staff integrated the primary philosophies and foundational theories of TR

### Assignment 5: TR Facilitated Activities and Interventions (100 points)

To review and explore a variety of key issues or topics outlined in the course text. The issues/topics identified frame, guide, or inform the practice of therapeutic recreation. Students will prepare 3 to 5 page that provides a thorough overview of the topic.

### Assignment 6: Therapeutic Recreation – Logic Program Model (200 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to develop a specific treatment/intervention program plan for a specific disability group including appropriate goals relative to therapeutic recreation interventions needed to achieve goals. The students will include:

1. **Rationale and treatment needs addressed:** Discuss why the specific population selected needs for this program and identify at least three needs based on disability profile.
2. **Program Purpose:** Write a clear purpose statement which identify (who the program is for, what it is intended to do, and what participants will get out of the program)
3. **Goals Set (Terminal Program Objective):** Develop **2 goals**. The goals should be written as general participant outcome statements that specify what participants should gain from participating in the program. For example, the goals may specify whether the intent of the program is to increase awareness and sensitivity of a particular leisure concept, acquire leisure knowledge associated with a specific area, or acquire specific leisure skills, mobility skills or fitness related to successful therapeutic recreation participation. Remember that goals or TPO's are broad in nature.
4. **Specific Objectives (Enabling Objectives):** Develop at least **2 objectives** for each goal.
5. **Performance Measures (PMs):** Develop 1 specific, measurable performance measure for each objective.
6. **Activity Strategies:** Identify 4 activities specific to each objective.

### Class Participation (50 points)

Participation - Students must attend class in order to participate in the discussions generated by the readings. Contribution will be self-evaluated at the end of class and will require a self-assessment of the number and quality of questions asked or answered and opinions provided without prompting.

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes (attendance will be taken at the beginning of class)
- Read materials BEFORE class, listen attentively, and offer examples that demonstrate understanding of lecture content, ideas, or materials related to the topic
- Complete and submit worksheets, assignments and exams before the selected class session via Blackboard AND bring copies of articles and presentations as designated in the assignment descriptions.

### Graded Point System

This course will be graded on a point system, with a total of 1000 possible points.

Requirements	Points
Assignment 1 Legislation and Barriers – self-study worksheet	50
Assignment 2 Reflections on Health & TR	100
Assignment 3 Profile of Individuals with Disabilities	200
Assignment 4 Program Observation and Evaluation	100
Assignment 5 Presentation of Selected Facilitated TR Interventions/Methods	100
Assignment 6 Therapeutic Recreation – Logic Model	200
Test 2 (each 100 pts)	200
Class participation	50

\*Bonus points may be offered randomly for successful completion of in-class activities and individual participation (as defined by the number and quality of opinion, questions and idea exchange with others) in exercises

Possible 1000 for class assignments, exam, participation

1000 total points

## Grading Scale

A = 940 – 1000	B+ = 880 – 890	C+ = 780 – 790	D = 600 – 690
A- = 900 – 930	B = 840 – 870	C = 740 – 770	F = 00 – 590
	B- = 800 – 830	C- = 700 – 730	

### TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE Spring Semester 2114

Location: Fairfax Campus – Planetary Hall 224

Date	Topic	Required Reading	Assignment Information
January 22	Introduction to Class and Assignments Defining Therapeutic Recreation Philosophy of TR	Articles Definitions - ATRA, NTRS, NCTRC PowerPoint	
January 29	Who are people with Disabilities? History of treatment of People with Disabilities Guest lecturer: <i>Sandi Dalhoff, Division Supervisor for Therapeutic Recreation and Integration Services</i>	Chapter 1 & 2, PowerPoints, Articles	
February 5	Conceptual Cornerstones of TR Theories Framing the Practice of TR	Chapter, Articles PowerPoint	<b>Assignment of Group and Selection of Disability Assignment</b>
February 12	<b>No Class – Self-Study Topic 1</b>	Chapter 4 & 5	
February 19	Review Self-Study Assignment – Legislation, Discrimination and Barriers	Chapter 6, PowerPoint	<b>Assignment 1: Legislation Self-Study Guide Due</b>
February 26	Inclusion Services Recreation Services Guest Speaker: <i>Sandi Dalhoff, Division Supervisor for Therapeutic Recreation and Integration Services</i>	Chapter 13, PowerPoint, Selected Article	
March 5	Social Determinants of Health and TR Cross Disability Topics	Video, Chapter 7 PowerPoint	<b>Selection of disability for Assignment 2</b>
March 12	<b>Spring Break</b>		<b>Test 1 due: March 13 (chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 &amp; 13)</b>
March 19	<b>No Class - Self-Study Assignment 2 Reflections on – TR’s role in promoting health and Finalizing group presentations</b>	Articles	<b>Assignment 2: Reflections on Health &amp; TR</b>
March 26	Disability Presentations	Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11	<b>Assignment 3:</b>

Date	Topic	Required Reading	Assignment Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intellectual Disabilities</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Visual Disabilities</li> <li>• Hearing Disabilities</li> </ul> <p><i>Guest Speaker: Sandi Dalhoff, Division Supervisor for Therapeutic Recreation and Integration Services</i></p>	Groups present an overview of selected disabilities	<b>Disability presentations due</b>
April 2	<b>No Class – Students will select from a list of program visitations * several programs will be selected and some will be offered on weekends or evenings.</b>		<b>Assignment 4: Off-campus program observations</b>
April 9	Review of program observations Therapeutic Recreation Services & Intro to TR Programming	Chapter 14, PowerPoint	<b>Assignment 4: Program Observation</b>
April 16	Continued - Intro to TR programming		
April 23	Leisure Education Sport Participation	Chapter 15 & 16	<b>Assignment 5: TR Topics due</b>
April 30	Presentation of Conceptual TR program/intervention		<b>Assignment 6 Logic Model</b>
May 7	Final		<b>Final Exam Due</b>

*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary.*

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### *Student Expectations*

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/>].
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>].
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

### *Campus Resources*

- The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See <http://caps.gmu.edu/>].
- The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring,

workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>].

- For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism, please visit our website [See <http://rht.gmu.edu>].

**PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR:** Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

**CORE VALUES COMMITMENT:** The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.

