

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

PRLS 327 - 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)* (6th Edition) or the *American Medical Association* (10th 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 ASSOCIATION 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 (11) 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.
- Two dates are scheduled as individual research/self-study days and will provide time for completion of assignments and worksheets. Additionally, one off-site program visitation is required and students will be expected to participate and interact with TR program participants.
 - 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: Carter, Marcia Jean; Van Andel, Glen E. (2011-02-01). *Therapeutic Recreation: A Practical Approach* (Page v). Waveland Pr Inc.
- 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: 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 2: Reflections on Health & TR (100 points)

After the presented lecture materials, 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 prevention and whole population health while supporting specific issues in targeted populations.

Assignment 3: 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 4: TR Facilitated Activities and Interventions (100 points)

To review and explore a variety of facilitated therapeutic activities outlined in the course text. The facilitated techniques frame, guide, or inform the practice of therapeutic recreation. Students will prepare 2 to 3 fact and protocol paper that provides a thorough overview of the topic.

Assignment 5: Therapeutic Recreation – Therapeutic Recreation Intervention/Program Model (300 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to develop a 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 and/or approaches 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 Profile of Individuals with Disabilities	200
Assignment 2 Reflections on Health & TR	100
Assignment 3 Program Observation and Evaluation	100
Assignment 4 Presentation of Selected Facilitated TR Interventions/Methods	100
Assignment 5 Therapeutic Recreation Intervention Program Design	300
Test 2 (each 100 pts)	200

*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
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A- = 900 – 939

B = 840 – 870

C = 740 – 770

F = 00 – 590

B- = 800 – 830

C- = 700 – 730

PRLS 327 - TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE Fall Semester 2114

Date	Topic	Required Reading	Assignment Information
August 27	Introduction to Class and Assignments Defining Therapeutic Recreation Philosophy of TR Today’s Health-Care System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss the various factors and perspectives that have contributed to the current definition of therapeutic recreation ○ Identify the purpose of therapeutic recreation ○ Describe the basic nature of health-care delivery systems 	Chapter 1 Articles Definitions - ATRA, NTRS, NCTRC PowerPoint	
September 3	History of the TR Profession pages 27 – 66 Discovering the Roots of a Profession History and Treatment of People with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outline the developmental stages of therapeutic recreation ○ Describe the historical development of therapeutic recreation ○ Demonstrate awareness of the roles of professional organizations ○ Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophical perspectives surrounding therapeutic recreation 	Chapter 1 & 2, PowerPoints, Articles Study Questions	
September	Conceptual Cornerstones of TR	Chapter 1 & 2, Articles	

10	<p>Theories Framing the Practice of TR</p> <p>Therapeutic Recreation Practice Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify several different models that have been advanced to help conceptualize the practice of therapeutic recreation ○ Identify the roles, settings, and responsibilities common to therapeutic recreation ○ Identify the service goals and outcomes of therapeutic recreation ○ Describe the basic elements of the humanistic perspective 	PowerPoint	
September 17	<p>Working with People with Disabilities – Becoming a Helper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Describe the nature of helping ○ Identify specific interpersonal and helping skills ○ Demonstrate awareness of communication and facilitation skills needed to work with people with disabilities ○ Identify the unique needs of other people and develop empathy for them ○ Discuss ethical issues that may arise in the helping relationship ○ Evaluate the influence of culture on the helping relationship <p><i>Guest Speaker: Sandi Dalhoff, Division Supervisor for Therapeutic Recreation and Integration Services</i></p>	<p>Chapter 3, pages 66-83</p> <p>Handouts</p> <p>Power point</p>	Assignment 1 – Select Disability area
September 24	No Class – research and group meeting time to prepare Assignment 1		
October 1	<p>Disability Profiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Disabilities • Physical Disabilities 	<p>Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11</p> <p>Groups present an overview of selected</p>	Assignment 1 due Disability Profile

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Disabilities • Hearing Disabilities 	disabilities and techniques	
October 8	<p>Prevention, Social Determinants of Health and TR Cross Disability Topics</p> <p><i>Jesse Ellis, Director of Prevention Services and Successful, Children, and Youth Policy Team Coordinator</i></p>	PowerPoint	
October 15	No Class – Group time for developing Disability presentations		Mid-term: (chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 13)
October 22 & 29	<p>Program Planning and the Therapeutic Recreation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify professional standards of practice and competencies that influence program planning ○ Identify the tasks involved in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation (APIE) of individual intervention plans, critical pathways, department program plans, and protocols ○ Identify the role of the assessment process and the use of assessment data in program planning ○ Write measurable goals, objective statements, and strategic planning statements ○ Describe the processes used to select intervention strategies appropriate to the client's and the department's goals and objectives ○ Identify the tasks required of the TRS as programs and services are planned and scheduled 	Chapter 4 page 107 – 152	Assignment 2 Due Reflections on – TR's role in promoting health
November 5	No Class – Students will select from a list of program visitations * several programs will be available to choose from; some will be offered on weekends or evenings.		
November 12	<p>Assessment & Individual Service Planning Sandi Dallhoff, guest</p>	Power points, articles	

November 19	Facilitated TR Interventions – Technique TR Program Management (Program Evaluation, Professional Ethics)	Chapter 3 - pages 83 – 105 Students to present one page fact sheet Chapter 5	Assignment 3 - Literature review and development of a one page fact sheet on a specific TR facilitated intervention
December 3	Group Work IN CLASS on TR programming Group consultations on final assignment		<u>Assignment 4 - Pages 1 & 2 of TR program design due for teacher review and feedback</u>
December 10	Legislation, Discrimination and Barriers (may be assigned as a self-study)	PowerPoint	Assignment 4 - TR Intervention Program
December 17	Final (on-line)		Final - comprehensive

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

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.

