



Recreation Education

Master of Science in Education

The Master's Program in Recreation Education at Lehman College consists of a 33-36 credit Master of Science in Education degree, which is designed to prepare individuals for professional employment in the broad field of leisure services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended
 - Have attained a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent from an accredited college or university with an overall index of a 3.0 GPA or better
- Demonstrate the ability to successfully pursue graduate study (Above-average academic achievement in general is required)
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 500-word essay outlining intellectual and academic interests, accomplishments, and career objectives
- Current professional resume
- If conditionally admitted, make up not more than 12 credits of specified undergraduate coursework, starting in the first semester and finishing in no more than three consecutive semesters

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The curriculum for the M.S. Ed. Program in Recreation includes three options:
 - **Option A:** Recreation and Park Administration, which prepares individuals for supervisory and administrative roles in public, voluntary, and commercial recreation agencies.
 - **Option B:** Therapeutic Recreation Service, which prepares individuals to deliver therapeutic recreation services in hospitals, nursing homes, day-treatment programs, and other institutional and community settings. Students who complete this option have met the therapeutic recreation option requirements for certification as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, administered by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.
 - **Option C:** Physical Education Teacher: This option is open **ONLY** to students who possess initial certification as a physical education teacher and are pursuing professional certification, for which this degree will qualify them, according to the NYS Education Department.
- All students, regardless of option, must complete at least 24 credits in recreation courses, 3 credits in [HEA 600](#) or equivalent, and may complete their additional 6 credits in related areas, with the prior approval of the graduate adviser.
- A maximum of 12 credits may be transferred from other universities or colleges with the approval of the Graduate Adviser.
- Upon graduation, all students will have met the academic requirements for certification as a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, administered by the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- All Students in option A, B, and C must meet one of the following graduation requirements: (a) pass a comprehensive exam, or (b) complete a thesis. Students who select the thesis option enroll in [REC 781](#) and [REC 791](#) in lieu of 6 credits of electives.

Questions about the program?

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Questions about admissions?

The Office of Graduate Admissions

<http://www.lehman.edu/admissions>

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Option A: Recreation and Park Administration & Option C: Physical Education (33 Credits):

Recreation Service, Select from (18 credits):		Credits
HEA 600	Biostatistics	3
REC 700	Recreation and Leisure in Modern Society	3
REC 701	Research Methods and Evaluation in Recreation	3
REC 702	Recreation Program Planning and Leadership	3
REC 703	Administrative Process in Recreation and Parks	3
REC 705	Community Recreation and Park Facilities	3

Therapeutic Recreation, Select From (3 credits):		Credits
REC 640	Therapeutic Recreation & Disabilities	3
REC 704	Therapeutic Recreation Service	3
REC 707	Therapeutic Recreation in Geriatric Settings	3
REC 708	Therapeutic Recreation in Psychiatric Rehabilitation	3
REC 709	Therapeutic Recreation and Developmental Disability	3
REC 710	Therapeutic Recreation Applications to Social Problems	3
REC 711	Therapeutic Recreation Programs and Physical Disability	3

Administration Electives, Select From (6 credits):		Credits
REC 680	Special Topics in Recreation	3
REC 706	Outdoor Education and Recreation	3
REC 712	Leisure Counseling and Community Programs	3
REC 715	Clinical Practice and Internship	3
REC 790	Independent Study in Recreation	3

(Note: Students who have not had professional experience in Recreation Services must take REC 715, as part of their option)

Electives (6 credits): Any courses in Health Sciences (DFN, HEA electives), REC or Education

Option B (33-36 credits): Therapeutic Recreation Service

Recreation Service, Select from (15 credits):		Credits
HEA 600	Biostatistics	3
REC 700	Recreation and Leisure in Modern Society	3
REC 701	Research Methods and Evaluation in Recreation	3
REC 702	Recreation Program Planning and Leadership	3
REC 703	Administrative Process in Recreation and Parks	3

Therapeutic Recreation Courses, Select From (18 credits):		Credits
REC 704	Therapeutic Recreation Service	3
REC 714	Therapeutic Recreation Program Design	3
REC 724	Advanced Therapeutic Recreation Processes	3
REC 640	Therapeutic Recreation & Disabilities	3
REC 680	Special Topics in Recreation	3
REC 707	Therapeutic Recreation in Geriatric Settings	3
REC 708	Therapeutic Recreation in Psychiatric Rehabilitation	3
REC 709	Therapeutic Recreation and Developmental Disability	3
REC 710	Therapeutic Recreation Applications to Social Problems	3
REC 711	Therapeutic Recreation Programs and Physical Disability	3
REC 790	Independent Study in Recreation	1-3

REC 715 or Related Electives from Courses in Health Sciences or Education (3 credits)**

Required for only students who do not hold a bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation or do not have professional experience in Therapeutic Recreation Field.

*Note: **REC 715 is required for only students who do not hold a bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation or do not have professional experience in Therapeutic Recreation Field, consisting of:*

- *A minimum of 5000 hours of paid work experience that uses the TR process, or*
- *A minimum of 1500 hours of paid work experience that uses the TR process, if receiving or have received supervision from a CTRS for at least 1 hour for every 10 hours worked each week.*

*Note: Students who want to take the National Certification Exam for Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) are required to have completed three undergraduate supportive courses: **BIO 181** Anatomy and Physiology I, **PSY 234** Abnormal Psychology, and **HIN 268** Growth and Development, or equivalent. Students have to take these three courses prior to internship. These three undergraduate courses are not counted as credits for the Recreation Education M.S.Ed. Program.*