

## The Department of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Accreditation Information

Central Michigan University's programs of *Recreation and Event Management*, *Outdoor and Environmental Recreation* and *Therapeutic Recreation* are all accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT). COAPRT accredits baccalaureate programs in parks, recreation, tourism, sport management, event management, therapeutic recreation and leisure studies offered at regionally accredited institutions within the United States and its territories and at nationally accredited institutions in Canada and Mexico. The CMU program was the first program in Michigan to attain this recognition and has been continuously accredited since 1982.



# Council on Accreditation

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## Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions

According to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, program accreditation is significant because “Degree mills and accreditation mills mislead and harm”. In the United States, degrees and certificates from mills may not be acknowledged by other institutions when students seek to transfer or go to graduate school. Employers may not acknowledge degrees and certificates from degree mills when providing tuition assistance for continued education. “Accreditation” from an accreditation mill can mislead students and the public about the quality of an institution. In the presence of degree mills and accreditation mills, students may spend a good deal of money and receive neither an education nor a useable credential.

Annually the RPL Department Programs collect data measuring its progress toward achieving the standards in our national accreditation. This data comes from the following sources: national certification exams, student exit examinations, internship evaluations, and student assignments. The following represents the annual progress for each accreditation standard.

**1. Understanding of the foundational aspects of the related recreation profession.**

Recreation and Event Management: at or above listed standards

Outdoor and Environmental Recreation: at or above listed standards

Therapeutic Recreation: at or above listed standards

**2. Ability to plan, implement and evaluate related recreation programs and services.**

Recreation and Event Management: at or above listed standards

Outdoor and Environmental Recreation: at or above listed standards

Therapeutic Recreation: at or above listed standards

**3. Understanding of the operations, management and administrative practices in related recreation agencies.**

Recreation and Event Management: at or above listed standards

Outdoor and Environmental Recreation: at or above listed standards

Therapeutic Recreation: at or above listed standards

ACCREDITATION OUTCOME ASSESSMENT

2019

Program	Measure	Foundations <i>standard 7.01</i>		Programming <i>standard 7.02</i>		Administration <i>standard 7.03</i>	
		score(s)	attained	score(s)	attained	score(s)	attained
Therapeutic	NCTRC Exam	88.2	met	88.9	met	86.3	met
	Post-Internship Eval	4.78	met	4.78	met	4.61	met
	Exit exam	50%	not met	72%	met	70.00%	met
Outdoor	Post-Internship Eval	4.2	met	4.4	met	4.5	met
	Exit Exam	74%	met	76%	met	70%	met
	Prof. Dev. Log	100%	met				
Recreation and Event Management	Environ Percep Test	4.11	met				
	Post-Internship Eval	4.68	met	4.75	met	4.7	met
	Exit Exam	54.00%	not met	80.00%	met	62.00%	not met
	Internship Paper	4.71	met	4.55	met	4.45	met

**Career Data:** 89% of students are either employed or in graduate school  
92% of alums report being extremely or moderately well prepared



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Let it be known that

### **Central Michigan University Outdoor and Environmental Recreation**

has demonstrated its commitment to the park, recreation, tourism and related professions by complying with a body of standards deemed essential to a quality curriculum and learning environment, and having met or exceeded stated criteria of educational quality is hereby, upon recommendation by the members of the Council on Accreditation for Park, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions, conferred

### **Academic Accreditation**

effective on this  
23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2019  
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### **Central Michigan University Therapeutic Recreation**

has demonstrated its commitment to the park, recreation, tourism and related professions by complying with a body of standards deemed essential to a quality curriculum and learning environment, and having met or exceeded stated criteria of educational quality is hereby, upon recommendation by the members of the Council on Accreditation for Park, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions, conferred

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