

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration

Accreditation Information & Degree Mills Statement

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.



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. *(Please see table below for Accreditation Outcome Assessment Data.)*

1. 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 those industries; and, the foundations of the profession in history, science, and philosophy.

- 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. Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and evaluate services that facilitate targeted human experiences and that embrace personal and cultural dimensions of diversity.

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- Outdoor and Environmental Recreation: at or above listed standards
- Therapeutic Recreation: at or above listed standards

3. Students graduating from the program shall be able to demonstrate entry-level knowledge about operations and strategic management/administration in parks, recreation, tourism and/or related professions.

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- Therapeutic Recreation: at or above listed standards

ACCREDITATION OUTCOME ASSESSMENT

Program	Measure	2020-2021					
		Foundations standard 7.01		Programming standard 7.02		Administraton standard 7.03	
		score(s)	attained	score(s)	attained	score(s)	attained
Therapeutic	NCTRC Exam	88.2	met	88.9	met	86.3	met
	Post-Internship Eval	4.77	met	4.66	met	4.58	met
	Exit exam	*na		*na		*na	
Outdoor	Post-Internship Eval	4.2	met	4.3	met	4.3	met
	Exit Exam	*n/a		*n/a		*n/a	
	Prof. Dev. Log	*n/a		*n/a		*n/a	
	Environ Percep Test	4	met	n/a		n/a	
Recreation and Event Management	Post-Internship Eval	4.8	met	4.7	met	4.4	met
	Exit Exam	*n/a		*n/a		*n/a	
	Internship Paper	4.7	met	4.6	met	4.4	met

*Not administered due to COVID19

Important Information Regarding Degree Mills

Please watch this important video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1voHNMQRk>) regarding degree and accreditation mills. According to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 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.” Read more on CHEA’s website: <https://www.chea.org/degree-accreditation-mills>

**Please see following pages for copies of COAPRT Accreditation Certificates*



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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

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