

Therapeutic Recreation Intern

Division: Adaptive Recreation/Inclusion Services

Date of Internship: Fall 2010, Winter/Spring 2011 and Summer 2011

Location: McBeth Recreation Center, 2401 A Columbus Drive

Internship Description: Therapeutic Recreation Interns will facilitate activities for people with disabilities in various types of programs in inclusive or adapted settings. Interns will also have the opportunity to be involved with program design and presentation, special event planning, a case study, departmental meetings, and other assignments as determined by university and program requirements. Interns are scheduled a minimum of 32 hours per week for a minimum of 15 weeks.

Internship Goals:

Our goal is to provide interns with a unique opportunity to learn about special populations in adaptive or inclusive settings through our Adaptive Recreation and Inclusion Services Division, and thus help the intern choose a career direction in Therapeutic Recreation. Specific internship goals will be determined on an individual basis once the internship begins.

Intern Qualifications: Therapeutic Recreation Interns must be in the internship semester of either a graduate or undergraduate degree program at an accredited university majoring in Therapeutic Recreation with the intention to sit for the NCTRC Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist exam upon graduation. Applicants must also have a minimum 3.0 GPA and current CPR with AED, First Aid, and Basic Water Rescue (summer season only). Previous experience working with people with disabilities is preferred.

Other: Therapeutic Recreation Internships run 15 weeks and will complete a minimum of 560 hours. Beginning & ending dates are individually scheduled based on university and program requirements. Please contact Intern Supervisor for an application packet and application deadlines.

Is this a paid internship? Varies

This internship does not provide housing or a stipend. However, if an intern meets the requirements for the City of Austin's Activity Specialist I, an intern may be hired as a City of Austin employee. This potentially allows some hours of the internship to receive wages. This option is available on an as-needed basis and may not be available each semester.

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