

Recreation and Sport Studies

Concentrations

- Athletic Coaching and Officiating
- Public Recreation and Park Administration
- Sport Communication
- Sport and Event Management
- Sports Marketing
- Therapeutic Recreation

About the Major

Faculty members in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sport Studies promote **learning through knowledge, activities, and experiences**. The department is committed to assisting students in their pursuit of knowledge and career placement, preparing them to be responsible members of society, encouraging them to discover and appreciate the diversity of our society, and relating effectively the importance of the physical aspect in relation to overall well-being.

Our mission is to enhance the intellectual and personal growth of the individual by offering academic and professional programs related to health, physical education, recreation, and sport studies. These programs are **designed with the curricular intent to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, enhance understanding, and prepare individuals for meaningful careers within their chosen discipline**.

Accreditations

The recreation and sport studies program is accredited through the **Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COPART)**, the academic accreditation body within the National Recreation and Park Association. COPART evaluates college and university programs in regard to how they meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality.

Upon accreditation, **graduates from the program will be allowed to take the certification exam immediately upon graduating from college** instead of waiting for a year.

Careers

The degrees within our HPER department at Shepherd University can lead you to **challenging and rewarding leadership positions** in a variety of recreation, sport and leisure settings including: government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and sports organizations.

Career Services, located in the Scarborough Library, is always available to assist you with any decisions, ideas, and advice about possible career and internship options.

Get Involved

- Take **Introduction to Recreation Studies (RECR 140)** and **Introduction to Sport Studies (RECR 108)** during your first semester to learn all about a career in recreation and sport studies.
- **Attend local, state, and national conferences** specific to the recreation and sport industry.
- **Become a student member of a nonprofit professional association** in the area of recreation and sport for networking and future career opportunities.
- Become a member of **Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity** for our majors.

Points of Pride

- **90 percent of faculty hold terminal degrees** in the areas of recreation and sport.
- **Small class sizes** for more learning opportunities.
- **Hands-on learning environments** in all areas of concentration.
- **Nationally accredited** by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Contact

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