



**Council on
Accreditation**

Parks, Recreation, Tourism
and Related Professions

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Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, President
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Dear Dr. Hendrix,

This is to report that the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT), at its remote meeting on June 16, 2022, approved accreditation of Shepherd University, Recreation and Sport Studies program, until 2028.

The Council approved the following commendations:

- Program is commended for its continued commitment to accreditation for the past 7 years.
- Students demonstrated high enthusiasm for the program and devotion to faculty (5.01).
- Alums, internship supervisors, and practitioners demonstrated strong relationship with the program (3.05).
- Program demonstrated strong collegiality and teamwork among the faculty (4.0 series).
- Upper administration demonstrated exceptional support for the program's mission, vision, values, and strategic plan (2.01, 2.02).
- Campus leadership in student learning outcomes assessment, as recognized by the University Assessment Office (7.0 series).

Your institution's accreditation by the COAPRT is valid until the program's next review hearing in the fall of 2028. To maintain accreditation, the institution must also comply with the Council's requirements of annual reports and maintenance fees.

In preparation for re-accreditation in 2028 the program will 1) Submit the "notice of intent to pursue accreditation" form; 2) complete a self-study; and 3) upon self-study approval, schedule a visit between November 2027 and April 2028.

The Council commends the faculty of Shepherd University – Recreation and Sport Studies program for their commitment to achieving accreditation and looks forward to the program's continued pursuit of this distinction.

Sincerely,

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