



College to Career Connections

Recreation Management

What is Recreation Management?

Recreational managers are responsible for planning and assisting in a variety of programs and overseeing the daily operations of recreational facilities for public agencies (federal, state, county or municipal), private non-profit agencies and business. Courses at COC exposes students to wide range of possibilities for work and career within recreation and leisure industry. Course work includes course on recreation and contemporary society, outdoor recreation, therapeutic recreation for special populations, and planning programs and events. Students will learn to analyze the motives, values, and benefits to the individual as well as society, that are associated with recreation and leisure experiences. College of the Canyons offers:

[Recreation Management Associate in Arts](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year institution

Potential Industries/Employers

- State and national parks
- Recreational and entertainment developments
- Air Travel and Cruise Lines
- Community Centers
- Colleges and Universities
- Non-profit organization
- Hotels and Resorts
- Large Private Firms
- Leisure Consulting Firm
- Health and fitness clubs

Possible Job Titles

- Recreation Leader
- Golf Club Managers
- Event Coordinator
- Public Administrator
- Athletic Coach
- Amusement Park Operator
- Camp Counselor
- Outdoor Recreational Planner
- Tour Guide
- Adventure Travel Coordinator
- Sports Event Planner
- Cruise Ship Director
- Parks Manager

How this Major Helps You Move Forward

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships](#)
- [Bureau of Land Management Internship Program](#)
- [City of Santa Clarita Volunteer](#)
- [California State Parks Volunteer](#)
- [National Recreation and Park Association Publications & Research](#)

Possible CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS)

- [CSUN: Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation Management B.S.](#)
- [CSULB: Recreation Therapy B.A.](#)
- [CPSLO: Recreation, Parks & Tourism Admin. B.S.](#)
- [CPP: Hospitality Management B.S.](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Recreation Management Department](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O*NET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)
- [Candid Career: Video Interviews with Professionals](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [The California Parks and Recreation Society](#)
- [California Association for Health, Physical Ed, Recreation & Dance \(CAHPERD\)](#)
- [National Recreation & Park Association \(NRPA\)](#)
- [National Outdoor Leadership School \(NOLS\)](#)
- [American Camping Association](#)

This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/19/21