

Park, Recreation and Tourism Studies B.S.

Mission:

The mission of the Park, Recreation and Tourism Studies (PRTS) Program is to facilitate the professional preparation of students interested in pursuing and/or continuing a career in recreation, therapeutic recreation or travel-related services. The undergraduate curriculum are offered to encourage students toward leadership opportunities in direct service, supervision and administration. Through a management-based curriculum, the PRTS Program promotes a diversity of career choices ranging from the allied health field of therapeutic recreation to the growth industry of recreation and tourism management.

Consistent with the university's, college's, and department's missions, the PRTS Program's philosophy is to create a recreation and tourism professional who has the necessary competencies to be an informed leader, practitioner, and citizen. In the pursuit of this philosophical approach, the PRTS Program's curriculum focuses on a service-centered and service-learning approach. The broader university goal of developing a student who values the dignity and worth of the individual, is central to the PRTS Program's philosophy of creating informed programming for various populations. The PRTS Program's focus on the pedagogy involved in programming, leadership, and service delivery is consistent with the college's commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarly activities, and service. Additionally, the PRTS Program's curriculum, faculty expertise, and service-learning approach are specifically in-line with our department's advocacy of a healthy lifestyle that includes human movement as an essential component of the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of all humans across the life span.