

Eastern Kentucky University COAPRT Report 2023

EKU's Department of Recreation and Park Administration (RPA) was established in 1967, and received initial NRPA accreditation in 1980. RPA offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration with four concentrations: Tourism and Resort Recreation, Recreation Management and Event Planning, Therapeutic Recreation & Natural Resources Recreation Management.

Outcome 1 from Standard 7.01: Student Scholarship, 2022-2030 Conduct research that contributes to the knowledge base of the represented disciplines in local, state, national, and international venues. (COAPRT 4.07, 5.06, 7.01a & 7.01).

Outcome 1 Assessment Method: Number of student presenters criterion 20% of RPA students will have their research accepted for presentation.

Outcome 1 Measure Type: Direct

Outcome 1 Result: During 2021-2022, One student published with faculty; pne technical report was completed for agencies within the context of a REC class; 39 professional presentations were made by faculty involving students. 51% of RPA undergraduate students had a research experience that resulted in dissemination at a professional conference.

Outcome 2 from Standard 7.02: REC 311 Leadership and Diversity Project Students will demonstrate competencies in management, operations, event planning and recreation programming for a diverse population (COAPRT 7.01a, 7.01b, 7.01c, 7.02 & 7.03)

Outcome 2 Assessment Method: Instructor grade for regional stewardship special event Criterion 75% of students will receive a grade of "B" or better on the regional stewardship diversity special event + student reflections

Outcome 2 Measure Type: Direct

Outcome 2 Result: The Mentoring Project at Bellevue Alternative School has been an RPA tradition and stalwart service learning project for over ten years.

While the program was cancelled fall 2020 and spring 2021 due to Covid-19 and Madison County School restrictions, the program resumed spring 2022. Data indicates 14 students participated in the mentoring program and 100% of the students received a grade of "B" or better.

Outcome 3 from Standard 7.03: *During Senior Internship (REC 463), students will demonstrate their ability to put into practice the knowledge and understanding required in major course work and previous Fieldwork experience by successfully completing a significant project for their agency.*

Outcome 3 Assessment Method: Criterion REC 463/473 Senior Internship students will receive an average of 90 points out of a possible 100 points on their agency project evaluation.

Outcome 3 Measure Type: Direct

Outcome 3 Result: For 2021/2022, 19 students completed 9.760 hours of senior internship experience and service to area communities. Of those 19 students, the mean score for the Senior Internship Project was 99 out of a possible 100 points indicating success in critical thinking, communication skills and effective application of classroom and experiential knowledge; (an increase from 96/100 the previous year; 97.5/100 in 2019-20; 91.4 in 2018-19).

Outcome 4 from Standard 7.04: *Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate, through a comprehensive internship of not less than 400 clock hours and no fewer than 10 weeks, the potential to succeed as professionals at supervisory or higher levels in park, recreation, tourism, or related organizations.*

Learning Outcome: Students in REC 463 and 473 Recreation Internship will successfully complete 480 hours (560 for REC 473 Recreation Therapy Internship)

Outcome 4 Assessment Method: Criterion REC 463/473 Senior Internship students complete 480 hours at an approved agency and will receive an average of 135 points out of a possible 150 points on their agency supervisor evaluation.

Method: Agency Internship Supervisor completes the evaluation

Outcome 4 Measure Type: Direct

Outcome 4 Result: For 2021/2022, 19 students completed 9.760 hours of senior internship experience and service to area communities. Of those 19 students, the mean score of the agency supervisor evaluation was 142.5 (95%) indicating success in critical thinking, communication skills and effective application of classroom and experiential knowledge.