Next Steps

Freshman Highlights
- Begin working on General Education requirements that also fulfill course requirements for the major
- Classes to try: CTR 100 or 200 courses to "try on" major
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities

Sophomore Highlights
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and review your degree evaluation
- Take advantage of Study Abroad
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador - time to get your major confirmed and resume started
- Begin to develop your professional network

Junior Highlights
- Register for CTR courses
- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

Senior Year Highlights
- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for deadlines
- Take the “Senior Check Up” to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Register for graduate or professional study exams as needed
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

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Recreation and Parks Management

Concentrations: Community Recreation and Event Planning, Therapeutic Recreation

WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

Sample Work Settings
Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background.

- Camps
- Non-Profits
- Medical Care
- Universities & Colleges
- Correctional institutes
- Retirement & Nursing Centers
- Parks
- Religious Organizations
- Hospitals & Clinics
- Corporate Programs
- Federal & State Government
- K-12 Education
- Cruise Lines
- Wellness Centers

Sample Work Functions
Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career functional areas:

- Camp Director
- Event Planner
- Park Ranger
- Resort Manager
- Correctional Therapist
- Concert Promoter
- Therapeutic Specialist
- Recreation Specialist
- Community Practice

HOW TO GET THERE

Try on this major
There are several courses within the department that any UNCG student can take as a way to “try on” the major and determine if it’s a good fit for you. Talk with your advisor about taking one or more of these courses during your first year:

CTR 111: Introduction to Recreation and Parks
CTR 212: Leadership in Recreation and Parks
CTR 213: Program Planning in Recreation and Parks
CTR 231: Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation

When to take coursework
Students pursuing this degree are required to take several different General Education Core courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:

Therapeutic Recreation Concentration
BIO 111/111L — fall semester freshman year
BIO 271/271L — spring semester freshman year
PSY 121 — fall semester sophomore year
PSY 341 — fall semester sophomore year

Community Recreation and Event Planning Concentration
ENG 101 — fall semester freshman year
ENG 102 — spring semester freshman year
STA 108 — fall semester sophomore year
CST 105 — fall semester sophomore year

Special Interest Housing
Special interest housing communities are residential-based programs designed to enhance the overall undergraduate student experience by fostering one-on-one relationships between faculty, staff, and students in a close knit residence hall environment. Students are encouraged to explore intellectual, cultural, and social interests through experiential activities often linked to the academic curriculum. Students learn with friends, while gaining real-world experience all where they live. Special interest housing options include:

- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities

Past Internship Sites
Note: this is a partial listing of where students have interned in the past. Internships are not guaranteed; work with your academic program and the Career Services Center to strategize your plans for an internship to compliment your studies.

- Elsewhere Artist Collaborative
- Koury Convention Center
- The Business Journal
- Grand Rental Station

Sample Graduate Programs
Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:

- Clinical Counseling
- Social Work
- Natural Resources
- Public Policy

Sample Salary Information
Salary information below represents median trends for sample job titles and may not account for variables including geography. For more complete information, check out the O*Net and the Occupational Outlook Handbook in addition to conducting informational interviews with professionals in the field.

- Recreation Worker: $22,240
- Recreational Therapist: $42,880
- Fish & Game Warden: $46,070
- Meeting, Convention & Event Planner: $45,810
- Soil & Water Conservationist: $61,000
- Fitness & Wellness Coordinator: $76,860

*Additional education may be required

GPA & Other Requirements
Once you declare this major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

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Sample Minors/Double-Majors
Often, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to complement their major. If this is of interest to you, be sure to discuss it with your advisor early on. Some possible minors or majors to consider include:

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies

Organizations Where Our HDFS Alumni Have Gone
- Fort Bragg CYSS
- Outdoor Programs at University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Men’s Basketball Operations at Atlantic Coast Conference
- City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation