Welcome to the Therapeutic Recreation Graduate Program at UWL

The Master of Science in Therapeutic Recreation Program prepares students for certification as Therapeutic Recreation Specialists. Students learn to develop and implement treatment, leisure education, and recreation programs for individuals with special needs.

Graduates are prepared to:

- Assess the need for therapeutic recreation intervention
- Plan and evaluation individual and group treatment, leisure education and recreation participation programs
- Supervise interdisciplinary teams and human service providers
- Organize and manage services
- Direct outreach, advocacy, and public relations activities
- Assist individuals in the development of life-long leisure independence
- Address therapeutic recreation professionalization issues
- Take the national examination to become a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Use advanced knowledge as a clinical administrator or consultant

Graduates are employed in:

- Hospitals and physical rehabilitation facilities
- County, state, and national mental health treatment centers
- Residential settings
- Long-term care or nursing home facilities
- Community-based centers and human service agencies
- Recreation agencies, including national associations for disabled sport competitors (i.e., Special Olympics)
- Human service areas needing therapeutic recreation consultants

The Master of Science is also available in recreation management (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/graduate/programrequirements/therapeuticrecreation/therapeutic-recreation-ms)

2018-19 Faculty/Staff

The following is the graduate faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in June.

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