

## **HPHE 4990 RECREATION INTERNSHIP SYLLABUS**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The recreation internship is a full-time, 15 week commitment with an agency or organization in recreation (leisure) service delivery, recreation facility management, or an appropriately related field. The experience is structured for the student to bring academic course work to life and to provide valuable work experience and professional contacts that help ensure a successful professional career.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completing this internship a student will:

- Understand and strengthen their own professional competencies in a specific career field within recreation.
- Develop an understanding of how a specific agency manages its' site, facilities, money, staff and programs.
- Develop an array of skills that will allow the student to function in a wide variety of direct leadership roles in the agency.
- Develop a reasonable degree of proficiency in several leadership roles.
- Observe and have the opportunity to emulate outstanding professional role models to help guide their professional development.
- Improve problem solving skills, written communication skills, verbal communication skills, public relations skills, and managerial skills through structured requirements.

### **COMPETENCIES MET AS PRESCRIBED BY NRPA/AALR:**

8.40 Internship, essentially a full-time continuing experience in a leisure services assignment, of at least 400 clock hours over an extended period of time, not less than 10 weeks.

### **REQUIRMENTS:**

See <http://www.wmich.edu/coe/hper/recreation/recreation-intern.htm> for additional internship documents

