

# Recreation Management & Leadership Fieldwork Requirements and Log

All Recreation Management & Leadership majors are required to complete a minimum of 240 hours\* of recreation-related fieldwork prior to Phase III (internship). **Fieldwork is defined as direct experience in organizing or leading recreation-related programs, and can be a paid or unpaid experience.** Students can get fieldwork credit for up to 100 hours of prior recreation-related experience as long as it was completed during the previous two years. All fieldwork hours must be approved by the student’s advisor. Fieldwork hours are intended to help students gain experience with a diversity of groups, including but not limited to age, class, gender, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation. Advisors will assist students in locating fieldwork opportunities, but all arrangements are the responsibility of the student. Students should meet with their advisors regularly and at least once each quarter to discuss their fieldwork progress. **Students should keep a record** of their fieldwork hours (see below).

The purposes of fieldwork are:

1. To widen the student’s career horizons
2. To provide the student with practical experience in recreation prior to the internship
3. To enable students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations
4. To broaden the student’s background.

\*Students in the Therapeutic Recreation concentration are only required to complete 100 hours of fieldwork, as they are required to do a 14-week internship (instead of 10 weeks).

Below is a form that can help you track the hours:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location	Description of Work Completed	Begin and End Dates	Total Hours Worked	Comments

Examples of typical fieldwork experiences: • Camp counselor • Recreation leader • Outdoor instructor, such as ski instructor, rock wall instructor, or ropes course facilitator • Tour guide • Recreation assistant in an extended care facility • Youth sports coach. WWU recreation classwork and projects do **NOT** count toward fieldwork hours. **Students should direct their questions regarding fieldwork to their faculty advisor.**

