



ECU

RECREATION SCIENCES

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Recreation Sciences (RCSC) is to contribute to the quality of life at the individual, community and global levels through education, research, and service in the field of recreation sciences. We cultivate active leaders, prepare skilled professionals, conduct research to inform practice, and facilitate regional transformation.

Vision

Consistent with ECU's and the College of Health and Human Performance's visions, the RCSC vision is to be recognized as the premier educational program in recreation by performing research and service that is mutually beneficial to students and communities. We strive to be innovative leaders and change agents who address trends and issues relevant to the recreation discipline and society.

Values

RCSC embraces the following values:

- **Innovation:** We seek to promote creative approaches in our field by developing critical thinkers and embracing cutting-edge initiatives through our research, teaching and service.
- **Collaboration:** We recognize that partnerships and teamwork are important facets of human service. We aim to foster leadership where respectful communication is person-centered and empathic.
- **Inclusion:** We recognize the value of human diversity and promote the principles of advocacy, empowerment, and the ethical treatment of others.
- **Responsiveness:** We will develop proactive problem solvers and innovators who are engaged citizens, scholars, and practitioners.

The Recreation and Park Management B.S. degree is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT).

The Recreational Therapy B.S. degree is accredited by CAAHEP's Committee on Accreditation of Recreational Therapy Education (CARTE).



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