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Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality Programs

Recreation and Sport Management

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Diploma

Options:

Co-op

Program Length:

2 Years

The Program

This program is offered as a mandatory Co-operative Education format with four academic semesters and two paid Co-op placements.

The focus of this diploma program is on the provision of recreation and sport services and products in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors within communities. The program assesses the impact of recreation and sport and the environment in order to plan and develop healthy communities. Features of the program include the provision of applied skills and knowledge, direct leadership experience, a co-operative education model (paid employment), and small class sizes.

The program prepares students for career entry; however, students interested in further studies can apply to the third year of VIU's Bachelor of Tourism Management, Major in Recreation.

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
RMGT 100 - (Introduction to Recreation)	3
RMGT 101 - (Marketing Recreation Experiences)	3
RMGT 110 - (Co-operative Education Preparation)	1
RMGT 153 - (Diversity and Inclusion in Recreation)	3
RMGT 126 - (Risk Management and Legal Liability in Recreation)	3
RMGT 161 - (Organizing and Leading Recreation Activities)	3
RMGT 190 - (Program Planning I)	3
ENGL 115 - (University Writing and Research)	3
ACCT 101 - (Accounting for Non-Financial Managers)	3
QUME 185 - (Business Computer Applications)	3
Elective	3
Total Credits	31

Intersession	Credits
RMGT 109 - (Co-op Education Work Placement I)	9

Year 2	Credits
RMGT 230 - (Leisure Across the Lifespan)	3
RMGT 259 - (Sustainability in Recreation)	1
RMGT 290 - (Program Planning II)	3
RMGT 220 - (Recreation Places and Spaces)	3
RMGT 251 - (Assessment and Evaluation Methods in Recreation)	3
RMGT 205 - (Recreation Administration)	3
RMGT 210 - (Co-operative Education Preparation)	3
ENGL 204 - (Business and Technical Writing)	3
<i>Three Electives</i>	9
Total Credits	31

Intersession	Credits
RMGT 209 - (Co-operative Education Work Placement II)	9

Further Studies

The program prepares students for career entry; however, students interested in further studies can apply to the third year of VIU's Bachelor of Tourism Management.

Completion Requirements

Students must maintain a GPA of 2.33 (C+) in order to qualify for work placement activities.

Students must maintain an average "C+" grade and must perform satisfactorily in work placement activities in order to graduate.

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- Official transcript of grades from high school (and post-secondary institutions where applicable).

Recommendation for Admission

- History of leadership, active involvement in recreation and sport pursuits, and experience working with people of varying ages and interests.

Notes on Admission

- Fieldwork may require a criminal record check prior to placement.
- Enrolment in this program is limited. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.
- All new students must participate in a compulsory orientation held early in the Fall semester.

Co-operative Education:

Under the Co-operative Education format, formal supervised work terms are integrated into the total curriculum on a paid basis. Students will benefit from the experience by:

- relating academic study more effectively to the field of practice;
- developing a clearer career focus;
- gaining valuable practical experience;
- being able to finance a larger portion of their education.

Access to Co-operative Education placements is based on students' GPA (minimum of 2.33 ("C+") is required) and their willingness to work as a team member with faculty and Co-operative Education staff to find appropriate placements.

Students in Co-operative Education work terms pay a fee, which is due during the second month of each work term.

Career Opportunities

The administration of recreation and sport services is a challenging career in this increasingly leisure-oriented society. Dynamic and innovative people are needed to plan, organize, and supervise recreation experiences in a variety of settings.

Graduates have found employment in the following areas:

- **Agencies**, such as the Boys' and Girls' Club and the YM/YWCA, Sport B.C.
- **Public Recreation and Sport Management**, including parks and recreation departments in municipalities and regional districts, community schools, recreation associations, and public recreation and sport facilities.
- **Outdoor Recreation**, providing camping, wilderness experiences, risk recreation and sport, and environmental education. Parks involvement is also possible.
- **Commercial Enterprises**, such as fitness centres, racquetball complexes, and retail outlets.
- **Inclusive Leisure**, involving the provision of recreation to those with special needs, such as individuals who are disabled and disadvantaged in institutions or in the community.
- **Tourism**, including destination resorts, theme parks, tourist bureaus, and special events and festivals.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in September and applications are accepted between the first business day in October and March 31.

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