

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies
Indiana University, Bloomington

320 HOURS PRACTICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Developing as a professional involves a combination of academic preparation and practical field experience. Foundations, attitude development, and competencies provided in the classroom are tested by the student through practical assignments beyond the classroom. Therefore, the purpose of this requirement for the B.S. Degree in Recreation is to explore the various leisure service agencies through paid and/or volunteer services.

Requirements

1. 320 hours practical experience (equivalent to an eight week full-time position) – spread across at least 2 different field settings, 100 of which must be in a setting related to your option. Experiences gained from any academic course do not count as one of the two field settings.
2. completed prior to the start date of the Professional Internship (HPER R363)
3. conducted in a recreation, park, sport, tourism or therapeutic recreation services setting involving leadership, programming, or management experiences
4. volunteer or paid
5. initiated any time after high school graduation
6. up to 25 hours for required course field projects (i.e. in R277, R367) may also be credited toward this requirement
7. verification of hours is obtained by submitting a “320 Hours Practical Field Experience Report Form” (reverse side) to your option faculty mentor

Approved Field Settings *

Federal reservoir, forest, park	Adventure-travel company
State park or forest	Commercial recreation facility
County recreation and park agency	Hotel / resort
Municipal recreation and park agency	Theme park
YMCA / YWCA	Conference bureau
U.S. Navy / Army / Air Force	Visitor & convention bureau
Museum	Acute care facility
Zoo	Assisted living facility
Nature center / preserve	Developmental learning center
Residential / day camp	Psychiatric / medical hospital
Playground	Mental health center
Youth recreation (i.e. Scouts, after-school)	School special education program
University recreational sports / student union	Employee services

** To verify the appropriateness of your field setting choices, and for more ideas on approved field settings, consult your option faculty mentor.*

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320 HOURS PRACTICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE REPORT FORM

Student's Name _____ E-Mail _____
(first, middle, last)

Major _____

Agency / Organization Information:

Agency Name _____

Address _____

Supervisor Name _____ E-Mail _____

Supervisor Position _____ Phone: _____

Type of Position:

___ full-time yearly

___ R277 assignment

___ full-time seasonal

___ R367 assignment

___ part-time hourly

___ R398 / R399 practicum

___ part-time volunteer

Date Started _____ Date Ended _____ Total Hours Performed _____

Duties: (List responsibilities assumed and projects with which you worked)

Self-Critique: (How has this experience contributed to your professional growth?)

Supervisor's Critique: (How has this student contributed to your agency?)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Option Faculty Mentor
Verification Signature _____ Date _____