

## Eastern Kentucky University COAPRT Report 2025

EKU's Department of Parks, Recreation, Exercise and Sport Science was established in 1967, and received initial NRPA accreditation in 1980. RPA offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration with four concentrations: Tourism and Resort Recreation, Recreation Management and Event Planning, Recreation Therapy & Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources Management.

***Outcome 7.01 from Standard 7.01: Student Scholarship, 2022-2030 Conduct research that contributes to the knowledge base of the represented disciplines in local, state, national, and international venues. (COAPRT 4.07, 5.06, 7.01a & 7.01).***

*Outcome 7.01 Assessment Method: Number of student presenters at a professional conference.*

*Standard: Criterion 20% of RPA students will have their research accepted for presentation.*

*Outcome 7.01 Measure Type: Direct*

*Outcome 7.01 Result: During 2023-2024, 18 professional presentations were made by students mentored by faculty (28 students total). 32.9% of RPA undergraduate students had a research experience that resulted in dissemination at a professional conference.*

***Outcome 7.02 from Standard 7.02: REC 460 Advanced Leadership and Programming students will demonstrate competencies in management, operations, event planning and recreation programming (COAPRT 7.01a, 7.01b, 7.01c, 7.02 & 7.03)***

*Outcome 7.02 Assessment Method: Entire faculty analysis of student evaluation of the Halloween Hoedown event using Bloom's Taxonomy-Critical Thinking and Analysis.*

*Criterion 75% of students will receive a grade of "3.0" or better on the service learning special event.*

*Outcome 7.02 Measure Type: Direct*

*Outcome 7.02 Result: For 2023-2024, students exceeded the criterion for Event Energy (mean=3.04); Marketing and Promotion (mean=3.1); however, Risk Management/Site Analysis was slightly below the criterion (mean of 2.9).*

**Outcome 7.03 from Standard 7.03:** During Senior Internship (REC 463), students will demonstrate their ability to put into practice the knowledge and understanding required in major course work and previous Fieldwork experience by successfully completing a significant project for their agency.

*Assessment Method: Data examined by RPA faculty as a collective.*

*Outcome 7.03 Assessment Criterion REC 463/473 Senior Internship students will receive an average of 90 points out of a possible 100 points on their agency project evaluation.*

*Outcome 7.03 Measure Type: Direct*

*Outcome 7.03 Result: For 2023-2024, 16 students completed 7,680 hours of senior internship experience and service to area communities. Of those 16 students, the mean score for the Senior Internship Project was 98 out of a possible 100 points indicating success in critical thinking, communication skills and effective application of classroom and experiential knowledge; (an increase from 94/100 the previous year).*

**Outcome 7.04 from Standard 7.04:** Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate, through a comprehensive internship of not less than 400 clock hours and no fewer than 10 weeks, the potential to succeed as professionals at supervisory or higher levels in park, recreation, tourism, or related organizations.

*Learning Outcome: Students in REC 463 and 473 Recreation Internship will successfully complete 480 hours (560 for REC 473 Recreation Therapy Internship)*

*Outcome 7.04 Assessment Method: Criterion REC 463/473 Senior Internship students complete 480 hours at an approved agency and will receive an average of 135 points out of a possible 150 points on their agency supervisor evaluation.*

**Method:** Agency Internship Supervisor completes the evaluation

*Outcome 7.04 Measure Type: Direct*

*Outcome 7.04 Result: For 2023-2024, 16 students completed 7,680 hours of senior internship experience and service to area communities. Of those 16 students, the mean score of the agency supervisor evaluation was 144.2 (96%) indicating success in critical thinking, communication skills and effective application of classroom and experiential knowledge and showing an improvement from 2023 (136.5 (915)).*