



Lakehead University
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

REQUEST REPORT

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Request can't be split

Request Contents

Type	Title
1. New Course	Standards of Practice in Therapeutic Recreation

Request History

Workflow Step	Workflow Action	User	Change Made	Comments	Date
Initiator	Approved	Annette Graham	No	Submitted to workflow	04/12/2016
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Supporting Documents

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1.	New Course	Outdoor Recreation 4911 - Standards of Practice in Therapeutic Recreation
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Justification

new course for new HBOR concentration

Course Details

Outdoor Recreation 4911 - Standards of Practice in Therapeutic Recreation

Start Term: 2016-17

End Term: No Specified End Date

Course Details

Code

Outdoor Recreation 4911

Title

Standards of Practice in Therapeutic Recreation

Description

Students will examine and implement the phases of delivering therapeutic recreation programming. Assessment, evidence based program design and evaluation of nature based experience for a variety of populations will be explored theoretically and experientially.

End Term

No Specified End Date

Institution

Lakehead University

Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

CreditWeight

0.5

Rationale

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) is a growing professional field of practice. Based on societal shifts there is an increased awareness of the connection between health and wellbeing and experiences in nature-based settings. Considering the abundance of outdoor recreation activities and access to natural setting in the Thunder Bay region, it is beneficial for TR professionals to gain skills in accessing and facilitating experiences in natural settings with the ability to negotiate risk and legal liability while demonstrating critical thought and professional excellence. Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO) and the North American regulatory body (National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification) for Therapeutic Recreation professionals are currently in the process of professionalizing this line of work. These agencies require the completion of a four year recreation degree with therapeutic recreation courses (Table 1) that are informed by professional Standards of Practice to become a fully qualified Therapeutic Recreation professional. Currently the only available degree offerings for TR diploma graduates are in Southern Ontario (Brock University and University of Waterloo). The proposed concentration has been developed in conjunction with TRO and the Recreation Therapy program at Confederation College to work towards ensuring that students in North Western Ontario will have the necessary university level courses and placement experiences to work towards becoming registered Therapeutic Recreationists in the province of Ontario. The proposed new course is one of the required elements of this concentration.

Requiredor Elective Required
Cross List
Offering 3-0
Prerequisites Outdoor Recreation 3610
Corequisites
Notes
SpecialTopicDropdown
GradeSchemePF
EffectonEnrolmentINIT No
EffectonEnrolmentOTHER No
AdditionalTeachingSpace Yes. To offer the proposed Nature-Based Therapeutic Recreation Concentration, we will need an additional 0.5 FCE sessional support. This is due to the new course being proposed in this request (OUTD 4911). Given the increased enrollments that are projected (at a minimum 5 students per year), the costs of this sessional should be covered. There are two Confederation College Articulation Agreements that have been submitted to Senate, one of which (Confederation College Therapeutic Recreation Diploma to Honours Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation with Concentration in Nature-Based Therapeutic Recreation) is directly related to this proposal. There will be an additional 4 articulation agreements coming forward (two with Georgian College, one with Sault College and one with Dawson College), all of which will contribute to increasing enrollment and thus justify the addition of 0.5 FCEs to support the Concentration.
EffectonTeachingLoads We will need to hire one additional sessional in order to cover the course offerings for our program, including the new Nature-based Therapeutic Recreation concentration program. Despite limiting the number of elective courses offered and rotating courses, we have not been able to limit our sessional budget below 2.5 FCEs.
EffectonServices None
DirectinkindSupport No