**B. A. Recreation Therapy (RTH)**

*College: Health and Human Services*

Course requirements for all UNCW degrees include: (1) **University Studies**, (2) specific major requirements, and (3) sufficient elective hours for a combined total of a minimum of 124 hours.

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**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – RTH** (Minimum 63 hours)

### Core Courses (63 hours)

- EXS 216  Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
- EXS 217  Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3)
- PSY 223  Life Span Human Development (3) Prerequisite: PSY 105
- PSY 247  Abnormal Psychology (3) Prerequisite: PSY 105
- RTH 368  Foundations of Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisite: RTH major or consent of instructor
- RTH 370  Recreation Therapy in Physical Rehabilitation (3) Pre/Corequisite: RTH 368
- *RTH 371 Recreation Therapy Interventions I (3) Pre/Coreqs: RTH 368
- RTH 372  Recreation Therapy in Behavioral Health (3) Pre/Corequisite: RTH 368
- RTH 348  Practicum in Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisites: RTH 368 (Meets **Applied Learning Requirement** with RTH 348 and 497)
- *RTH 380 Assessment and Outcome Planning in Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisite: RTH 370
- RTH 382  Recreation Therapy Interventions II (3) Prerequisite: RTH 371
- RTH 383  Recreation Therapy Interventions III (3) Prerequisite: RTH 371
- RTH 390  Pre-Internship Seminar in Recreation Therapy (1) Prerq: RTH 368
- RTH 391  Recreation Therapy Internship Finalization (1) Prereq: Senior standing or permission of instructor and RTH 390.
- RTH 459  Research Determining Best Practices in Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisite: RTH 380 or consent of instructor.
- RTH 468  Program Planning and Evaluation in Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisite: RTH 370, 372, 380
- RTH 475  Leadership and Management of Recreation Therapy Services (3) Prerequisites: RTH 380
- RTH 480  Senior Seminar in Recreation Therapy (3) Prerequisite: RTH 368 or consent of instructor (Meets **Oral Communication Requirement**)
- **RTH 497**  Clinical Placement in Recreation Therapy (12) Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, 2.5 RTH major GPA, senior standing w/ completion of all RTH course work with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all RTH courses, agency approval. Current certification in CPR/ First Aid and blood borne pathogens. (Meets **Applied Learning Requirement** with RTH 348 and 497)

**Concentrations in this major are optional. Students must maintain at least a 2.50 RTH major GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all RTH courses.**

+May also be used to satisfy University Studies Foundations & Approaches and Perspectives requirements

### Requirements to declare RTH:

All students wishing to major in Recreation Therapy must meet the minimum criteria for admission and follow the Recreation Therapy application procedure which includes timely submission of the Recreation Therapy application packet.

Minimum criteria for acceptance into the program includes:

a) 2.5 cumulative GPA at UNCW or transfer institution;
b) successful completion of EXS 216 /EXS 217 or BIO 240 /BIO 241 (or transfer equivalency); and,
c) a minimum of 25 hours experience working or volunteering with individuals with disabilities, disabling conditions or illnesses.

**Admission Procedure**

Completed application packet must be submitted to chhs@uncw.edu

Application packet must include:

- Completed application form
- Two-page essay
- Signed Recreation Therapy Technical Standards, and
- Current degree audit or transcript if student is a transfer student
- Documentation of volunteer/work experience with individuals with disabilities, disabling conditions, or illnesses.

The admission procedure also requires an interview with a Recreation Therapy faculty member.

### Application Deadlines

- For Fall admission, Feb. 1st
- For Spring admission, Sept. 1st

For further information, see the RTH website: [http://www.uncw.edu/shahs/academic/retherapy.html](http://www.uncw.edu/shahs/academic/retherapy.html) and [http://catalogue.uncw.edu](http://catalogue.uncw.edu).

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