

Recreation and Leisure Services



Program Location:	Peterborough
Program Code:	RLS
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Credential:	Ontario College Diploma
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Tuition Fees:	\$1,864.70 per semester. Tuition and fees subject to change.

The fast-growing Recreation and Leisure industry offers rewarding, challenging careers, providing recreation programs and special events to people of all ages, in a variety of unique and exciting settings.

Program Highlights

Our graduates are working across the country and around the world, at Rimrock Resort, Banff Springs Resort, Carnival Cruise Lines, Killary Outdoor Centre, Ireland, and Surf School in New Zealand.

Many of our graduates also transfer to Brock University with significant credit towards a degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies.

Organizations that have hired our grads include:

- Boys and Girls clubs in Lindsay and in London, Ontario
- City of Ottawa Recreation Department
- City of Peterborough Recreation Division
- Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre
- City of Kawartha Lakes
- Queen Street Mental Health Centre, Toronto
- Seneca College Outdoor Recreation Program
- numerous hospitals and seniors' residences throughout Ontario.

Being well-prepared for a range of recreation careers means hands-on training is essential. You will become skilled in how to be a leader, how to manage and develop recreation programs, do marketing, manage human resources, plan and conduct research, special event management and facilities operations. Besides these managerial skills, you'll need to be able to work at the grassroots level to bring appropriate recreational and leisure programming to the community. Training in community development, leisure and lifestyle enhancement, and inclusive recreation are important aspects of your program. To top off your studies in the "how" and "why" of recreation and leisure services, and tailor your learning to your career interest, you'll put it all into practice with a semester-long placement at the end of your program.

Make lasting friendships, develop confidence and professionalism, and learn new skills through a variety of field trip experiences that include rock climbing, high/low rope, canoeing, kayaking, theatre, golf, swimming, caving and hiking.

Success Stories

"The program can lead you into a wide variety of career opportunities. I would like to thank my teachers for providing me with the necessary skills to become an Activity Director." **Shari Forsyth, Program Graduate,**
Activity Director

Empress Gardens, Peterborough, Ontario.

Why Choose Fleming

Many organizations have come to trust the quality of education in Fleming's program, and seek out our graduates. The four-month placement opportunity is the longest available in this type of program, while the broad base of studies within management, community development and practical skills make graduates an asset to employers.

Work Experience

Your four-month placement offers you an intensive, challenging opportunity to put your skills into practice. You choose the location and setting - your instructors will encourage you as you find and negotiate your placement. You can do your placement locally, provincially, across Canada or in an international setting.

You'll work with community-based agencies (of your choice) on real -- not simulated -- recreation/leisure projects. This will be valuable learning for later, when you're looking for a job. Your placement could be working with youth at risk, with seniors, in outdoor education programs, fitness organizations/centres, children's programs, schools, resorts or municipal settings. There are few limitations as to where you can do your placement. For example, Fleming has a unique partnership with the Resort, Recreation and Tourism Management Student Internship Program in the United States that students can take advantage of--you can work as an activity coordinator at a resort or prepare for a career on a cruise ship.

For your placement, field agencies may require you to submit a current police records check, which is available from your local police department upon payment of a fee. In addition, you may also be required to provide a current Standard First Aid Certificate, a current Basic CPR Certificate (level C) and Proof of Immunization.

Is this You?

- enjoy working with people
- interest in maximizing human potential and healthy lifestyles
- able to work as part of a team or independently
- good organizational and time management skills
- flexible/open-minded
- an interest in sports, arts, fitness, or adult education is an asset

Career Opportunities

Take your pick of a variety of employers - why not consider a career with:

- resorts and cruise lines
- health and fitness centres
- special event planning services
- commercial recreation facilities

- municipal recreation departments
- golf clubs
- senior's centres, nursing homes
- hospitals, treatment centres
- correctional facilities
- outdoor recreation/education environments
- new immigrant services
- after school programs

Job titles include: recreation specialist, recreation sports analyst, team/club program coordinator, activities assistant/director, sports and leisure consultant, community recreation consultant, fitness coordinator, outdoor education programmer, special event coordinator, youth programmer, and parks and facility coordinator.

Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission.

Related Programs

Post graduate opportunities include our Event Management program. The Recreation and Leisure Services program also offers a dual credential opportunity through Brock University. Program graduates receive their college diploma and can obtain significant credit towards the Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies three year or Honours degree.

Immunization Requirements

This program has immunization requirements. For more information, and to print the required immunization form, please see the Immunization Information page.

Additional Costs

You should plan to spend approximately \$700 per year for books and supplies.

Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- Athabasca University
- Brock University
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Waterloo

Curriculum for Recreation and Leisure Services

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
RECR 118	Building Communities through Parks and Recreation	45
COMM 79	College Communications for the Helping Professions	37
SOCI 25	Human Growth and Development	45
RECR 22	Intro to Recreation and Leisure Services	45
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45
RECR 14	Leisure/Lifestyle Applications	45
GNED 35	Psychology Of Sport	45

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
COMM 146	Communicating at Work for the Helping Professions	45
FLPL 60	Field Preparation I	30
SOCI 128	Leadership and Teams in Recreation	45
RECR 23	Recreation Administration, Finance and Revenue Generation	45
RECR 24	Recreation Programming	45
RECR 101	Recreation for Special Populations	45
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
RECR 84	Facility Management and Small Business Operation	45
FLPL 82	Field Preparation II	30
RECR 27	Recreation Applications in Human Resource Management	45
RECR 28	Recreation Promotions and Marketing	45
COMP 268	Recreation and Leisure Computer Applications	45
RECR 26	Tournament Organization and Special Events Planning	45

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
FLPL 55	Field Practice and Evaluation	525

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