

PROFESSIONAL SNOWSPORTS LEADERSHIP, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

This nine-credit certificate program develops students' capacities in professional snowsports Leadership and focuses on three components. First, in RPTM 315, developing appropriate knowledge as a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America- American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA-AASI), preparing for and completing the level II certificate in a discipline of their choice and developing a professional development plan.

Second, in RPTM 210 students develop a practical and theoretical knowledge of the roles that commercial recreation and tourism plays at different societal levels (local, regional, national and global). Managerial considerations for commercial recreation will be explored.

Finally, in RPTM 236 students will learn about supervision in recreation services, including theories, strategies, group dynamics, applied leadership and decision-making skills. The primary objectives of RPTM 236 are for students to examine both leadership and group dynamics as a function of leisure and recreation services. Students in RPTM 236 will be given a variety of leadership opportunities, to begin to develop leadership skills as well as observe others in recreation leadership positions. Information on leadership theory and group dynamics (group development, roles in groups, group decision making) will be provided throughout the course. Main topics include: Leadership theory; Approaches to leadership; leadership styles; Definition of group including characteristics and effective group management; Group decision making and problem solving; Recreation leadership skills including behavior management, interpersonal skills and motivation; Teaching as a leadership skill; learning theory; Communication as a leadership skill.

What is Professional Snowsports Leadership?

The Professional Snowsports Leadership Certificate program provides students with the knowledge and skills that will enhance their ability to teach up to the intermediate level of snowsports and lead others in the industry. As a part of the certificate, students complete at least one module of the Professional Ski Instructors of America – American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA-AASI) Level II certification assessment in alpine skiing, snowboarding, telemark skiing, or cross-country skiing. Students also develop practical and theoretical knowledge of the roles that commercial recreation and tourism plays at different societal levels (local, regional, national and global). Supporting professional growth as a leader in the industry, students learn about supervision in recreation services, including theories, strategies, group dynamics, applied leadership and decision-making skills.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are working in or want to work in the snowsports industry.
- You have completed a Level I certification with PSIA-AASI and are looking to develop your skills in teaching snowsports.
- You are seeking to take on more of a leadership role in a snowsports organization.