

Advising Worksheet

Recreation Therapy (M.S.)

1-Year Program

2026
Application Year

Program Description... This Master of Science in Recreational Therapy degree is a 1-Year Track leading to an advanced-practice degree. The one-year track is designed for students who have earned a bachelor's degree in a Recreational Therapy field, prior to the start of the program. The MSRT is offered as a hybrid program, with the majority of coursework online and one to two in-seat classes per semester.

Application Requirements

- **Priority Application Deadline: February 1st**
- Bachelor's degree in Recreational Therapy/Therapeutic Recreation from an accredited university
 - Completed prior to the start of the MSRT program.
- Provide proof of certification as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) or prove to be CTRS eligible.
- Demonstrate coursework in Research Methods and Introduction to Statistics.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher for the last 60 credits in their undergraduate degree.
- Submit a resume.
 - Demonstrate related work and/or volunteer experiences and accomplishments related to recreational therapy interventions, populations, programs, and/or processes.
- Write a personal statement describing:
 - Goals for your graduate studies, professional career, and relevant professional experience if applicable
 - Why are you pursuing a graduate degree? In what ways would your degree contribute to your future and/or career?
 - Identification of your specialty/practice area of interest.
- Submit two graduate program recommendation forms,
 - one from an instructor/professor and one from a professional; and
- Participate in an interview if requested.

Admission into the Master of Science in Recreational Therapy program is competitive. The maximum class size for hybrid classes is 20. **Priority is given to application materials received by February 1st with courses beginning in August.** Applications are reviewed by the Recreational Therapy faculty and ranked on a total score basis. The top 20 candidates are offered seats in the program. If any original candidate declines admission, an alternate candidate will be selected based on their total application score.

Fall	Cr.
RTX 607 – Advanced Practice in RTX Assessment & Evaluation	3
RTX 673 – Integrated Evidence-Based Research in RTX 1	3
STA 610 – Applied Statistics for Health Professions	3
Semester Credits	9
Winter	
RTX 606 – Program Development and Consulting in RTX	3
RTX 675 – Integrated Evidence-Based Research in RTX 2	3
Graduate Elective (500 level higher RTX or approved course)	3
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Semester Credits	12
Spring/Summer	
RTX 693 – Integrated Evidence-Based Research in RTX	3
RTX Elective (PNH 668, RTX 613, RTX 615, RTX 616)	3
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Graduate Elective (500 level higher RTX or approved course)	3
Semester Credits	12

- Completion of 33 credits is required for completion of the Master of Science in Recreational Therapy degree.
- General graduate academic policies can be found in the Grand Valley State University Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog.
- Students must attain a minimum of 80 percent competency in each course to remain in the program. This requirement is reflected in course syllabi across the MSRT program.

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