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How do I apply to the program?

Admission/Eligibility requirements
» A bachelor’s degree in recreation, parks and tourism or related field is preferred. If you have a bachelor’s degree in another discipline, you may be required to complete up to 15 additional units of work.
» A minimum 2.75 GPA in the bachelor’s degree is required
» A minimum 3.00 GPA in the major is required
» Three letters of recommendation and a writing sample and personal statement must be provided
» Graduate Studies will require two sets of official transcripts.

Application procedure

Application to the Master of Science in Recreation Administration program is a two-part process:
1. An online application to graduate school. Details may be found on the Office of Graduate Studies website at www.csus.edu/gradstudies/
2. An application to the department must include:
   » A detailed resume
   » Three letters of reference
   » A statement of purpose
   » Unofficial transcripts
   Details may be found on the department website at www.csus.edu/hhs/rpta
   Students should apply by March 1 for the following fall (no spring admissions). For more information, contact the department office at (916) 278-6752 to speak with the Graduate Coordinator.

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California State University, Sacramento—With approximately 29,000 students, Sacramento State is the sixth largest of the 23 campuses in the California State University system. Our campus president continues to work on building new programs and facilities which will position Sacramento State as the flagship campus in the CSU system. One of his goals was realized in the fall of 2010 with the opening of The WELL, a state-of-the-art recreation and wellness center. Students enjoy a variety of exercise equipment and classes, as well as an expanded health center that provides exceptional, cost-effective care that fosters the health and wellness of the campus community and supports student’s academic and personal success.

Sacramento—California’s capital offers countless opportunities for participation in cultural and sporting events, excellent restaurants, and outdoor activities in state and national parks that provide hiking, camping and skiing.

College of Health and Human Services—The department is one of seven in the College of Health and Human Services. The College emphasizes the importance of community relationships and operates numerous programs throughout the region to improve the quality of life for residents.