

**Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation  
College of Education  
REC 461-01 (Professional Conference)**

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**Course Syllabus for  
Professional Conference REC 461-01**

**Course Description**

Students attend a minimum of two days of an approved professional conference related to their emphasis area or the recreation field in general. Prerequisite requirements include REC 160 Introduction to Recreation and Leisure and REC 275 Recreation Practicum.

**Course Objectives**

- 1) Students will learn the benefits of networking with other professionals
- 2) Students will meet at least two professionals in the field
- 3) Students will attend conference sessions that discuss relevant and current trends and issues in the profession
- 4) Students will attend a trade show and be exposed to the cost of equipment, technology and other resources used in the profession
- 5) Students will learn about future job opportunities and internships
- 6) Students will be exposed to experts (in addition to their faculty) in the field

**Instructional Resources**

There is no textbook for this course. Students are encouraged to acquire as many resources as possible when attending the conference. This includes handouts, brochures, pamphlets, promotional materials, access to powerpoints, etc...

**Course Requirements**

Students need to complete the following to earn an A in this course:

- 1) \*Register and attend a minimum of two days at the conference
- 2) Provide a receipt showing that you registered for the conference
- 3) Provide the program guide (students may pick up their copy at the end of the semester or the beginning of the next semester)
- 4) Write a reaction paper that specifies the titles of the sessions attended and what they learned from each one. Also, students should explain their likes and dislikes of the conference.

\*Students may need to join the professional organization for a small fee. In addition, students will need to organize their personal transportation, housing/hotel and eating arrangements.

Please note that your HHPR Professors will be announcing additional information about each of these opportunities. However, it is advisable that you investigate each one of the conference/agency websites provided of interest to you in order to learn about each professional conference and to obtain the most current information available.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Conference Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended (two days is the minimum requirement): \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title and Agency/School of two professionals you met:

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Did you attend the trade show/exhibit hall? YES NO NA

Complete the following:

Title of Session	Date	Time of Session
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2)		
3)		
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Complete the following checklist and then turn in all items to Dr. Jewett (101 SRC) within two weeks of the conference. All materials due no later than Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach receipt showing registration

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach conference program

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach a one-page reaction paper that discusses what you liked and disliked about the conference. Include a brief description of items learned from each session attended as well as the exhibit hall, banquet and/or other events associated with the convention in which you attended.

