



# Career Profile for Recreation Management

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**General Program Description:** The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Recreation Management is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the recreation field and provides the first half of a four-year undergraduate program of study in Recreation Management and/or Leadership. The program focuses on the positive application of play, recreation, and leisure across the life span. Along with required general education courses, the program includes foundational and practical experience in the programming and delivery of recreational services and the development of communication, group facilitation, management, leadership and technical skills. The optional **Certificates of Completion (CCL) in Recreation Management and Group Fitness Instructor** provide a stepping path leading to the AAS degree.

**Licensing and Certifications:** Depending on their duties, recreation workers may be required to have a license or certificate. For example, those who direct water recreation programs may be required to have a lifesaving certificate. Some recreation workers may need a driver's license.

**Advancement options:** Beginning recreation workers start by leading activities. Experienced workers who have good people skills may advance to supervising others. Those who are good at organizing may advance to planning and managing recreational activities.

**Projected Job Growth:** Recreation jobs will continue to increase, especially in services for senior citizens. Those who are active are expected to participate in more activities than previous generations of seniors. In contrast, the number of jobs with government-sponsored programs will grow more slowly. Overall, the Arizona Department of Economic Security expects the number of those employed as Recreation Workers in the state to grow by 20.4% from 2006-2016.

Location	Pay Period	Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2008 Salaries*		
		Entry-level	Median	Experienced
United States	Hourly	\$7.52	\$10.56	\$18.14
	Yearly	\$15,600	\$22,000	\$37,700
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$7.30	\$10.17	\$20.81
	Yearly	\$15,200	\$21,200	\$43,300
Arizona	Hourly	\$7.35	\$10.69	\$20.58
	Yearly	\$15,300	\$22,200	\$42,800

For more career information for Recreation Workers, visit:

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco), [www.maricopa.edu/workforce](http://www.maricopa.edu/workforce), <http://www.acinet.org/>, or [www.mesacc.edu/career](http://www.mesacc.edu/career)

For MCC program information, contact Anita Dusek, 480-461-7551, Department Secretary, or visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/recreation/>

\*Labor market information provided by AZ Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wages will vary depending on the employer, location, hours worked, experience, responsibility and other factors. Career and Re-Entry Services will collaborate with academic and occupational program departments to develop internship and career experience opportunities.

**Sample Job Titles:** Recreation Worker, Recreation Leader, Recreation Attendant, Activity Instructor

**Types of Employers:** Municipalities, Recreational Facilities, Camps, Activity Studios

**Local Employers who posted related jobs on the Maricopa Career Network:** Town of Gilbert, Tempe Kid Zone, YMCA, Recreation Centers of Sun City, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

**Professional Associations**  
**American Camping Association** <http://www.acacamps.org/jobs/career.php>  
**National Recreation and Park Association** <http://www.nrpa.org/>

**For current job openings, go to Maricopa Career Network**  
<http://www.maricopa.edu/careers>

## Recreation Workers Overview At-A-Glance

- Lead classes in arts and crafts, music, camping, sports, and exercise
- Constantly interact with the public
- May work evenings or weekends
- May work only in summer
- Have at least an associate degree
- Some training is on the job  
[www.azcis.intocareers.org](http://www.azcis.intocareers.org)

**For additional information on Recreation careers or to watch occupational videos, visit:**

Arizona Career Information Systems (AzCIS)  
[www.azcis.intocareers.org](http://www.azcis.intocareers.org)  
 User name: mesacc; Password: 4azcis02

Career Voyages  
[www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov)

**Internships** are supervised practical training in a short-term or temporary position with an emphasis placed on instruction, training, mentoring, networking and gaining applied work experience. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact Career and Re-Entry Services for internship information: 480-461-7430.

Internship Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service-Learning** is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. Contact the Center for Service- Learning for more information: 480-461-7393.

Service-Learning Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transfer Options:** Contact Transfer Services for more transfer information: 480-461-7452.

**Career Assessments Completed:**

<i>Career Assessment / Results</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Reviewed by</i>

**Career Readiness Workshops / Activities Completed:**

<i>Workshop Name / Activity</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Follow Up Contact (s)</i>
Resume Writing Workshop		
Resume completed and reviewed by:		
Participate in Mock Interview		
How To Prepare for a Career Fair		
Attend Career Fair / Job Expo Location:		
Joined Professional Association:		

**MCC Career and Re-Entry Services**  
**Providing Guidance for Career and Workplace Success**

For more Career Profiles, visit

<http://www.mesacc.edu/career/careerprofiles.html>

Meet with a Career Advisor in Bldg #36, Room SS5N - adjacent to the Kirk Student Center, 480-461-7430

