



Graduate's Hours of Therapeutic Recreation Clinical Internship

Confirmation of Practicum Component for New Graduates

In order to become a Professional Member of the Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA), after May 01, 2011, all **new** graduates are **required** to complete a minimum of **320 hours** within a Therapeutic Recreation practicum/internship. A minimum of **250 hours** of this placement must have a **clinical component** and be completed under the supervision of a Recreation Therapist who is registered with their provincial association.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Educational Institution Applicant is Registered at: _____

Degree / Diploma Program: _____

Date of Anticipated Graduation: _____

Total Hours of Clinical Placement Completed: _____

Clinical Placement Site	Dates of Placement (Start and End Date)	Total Hours Completed at Placement Site (Specify Clinical Hours vs. General Hours)	Supervisor's Name*	Supervisor's Signature	Supervisor's Designation (Specify Professional Body if outside of Alberta)
1.					
2.					
3.					

* Note: A Placement Supervisor is considered to be a registered Recreation Therapist who is eligible to claim Continuing Education Units for supervising the placement. (Please see reverse for further clarification of role and related responsibilities).

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Graduate's Hours of Therapeutic Recreation Clinical Internship Definitions

Clinical Placement:

To be considered a clinical placement the student's role must include conducting clinical activities (i.e. assessment, treatment interventions etc.) while maintaining a client caseload at a clinical placement site. A clinical placement site is a broad term that includes, but is not limited to, Long Term Care, assisted living, rehab, and/or acute care facilities or under the direction of a private Recreation Therapist.

Recreation Therapist:

A Recreation Therapist and/or a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) is a practitioner who is registered with a Therapeutic Recreation professional body, and who is a member in good standing. ATRA may contact the professional body to confirm that the identified Placement Supervisor(s) are members in good standing.

Roles of the Supervising Recreation Therapist

The Recreation Therapist (Placement Supervisor) is responsible for:

- ~ Setting up the fieldwork experience for the student, arranging and organizing the student experience including the orientation/training, ensuring feedback is provided, being present on a day-to-day basis to answer questions, check-in etc.
- ~ Being on-site and available but, as appropriate, allowing the student to be with other professionals that can provide different experiences (i.e. Physiotherapist, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist etc.). That is to say that this does not follow a traditional preceptorship model whereby the Recreation Therapist is required to work along side the student at all times.
- ~ Guiding the clinical components of assessment, treatments, evaluation, and interventions.
- ~ Providing the education necessary to move the student into clinical practice.
- ~ Completion of a student evaluation as required by the educational institution.