

CRT 200 - Introduction to Current Issues and Trends in Recreation and Parks

OVERVIEW

This course focuses on issues and trends that influence the recreation and parks sector in Canada. Attention will be given to the manner in which these issues/trends have an impact upon the financing, planning, programming, managing, and developmental policies and programs of recreation and parks services.

Participants will be encouraged to share and reflect on the issues/trends in relation to their local experience as they explore ways to engage and advance *Framework for Recreation in Canada: Pathways to Wellbeing*.

COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course the learner will be able to:

- Identify major issues and trends in Canadians society that impact on recreation and parks systems.
- Identify and use reliable methods for tracking issues and trends.
- Identify implications of national issues/trends on local, organizational and personal contexts.
- Apply the *Framework for Recreation in Canada: Pathways to Wellbeing* in a local and personal context.

MODULE SCHEDULE

This course is introduced through the Welcome module. The content is divided into 2-week learning modules. Two weeks are dedicated to the final assignment.

| Module | Description | Week |
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| Welcome | Welcome & Getting to Know You | 1 |
| 1 | Changing Face of Canada | 2-3 |
| 2 | Recreation Infrastructure in Canada | 4-5 |
| 3 | Public Recreation Service Provision | 6-7 |
| 4 | Social Media & Technology | 8-9 |
| 5 | <i>Framework for Recreation in Canada: Pathways to Wellbeing</i> | 10-11 |
| Conclusion | Issue and Trends Reflection Report | 12-13 |

ASSESSMENT & ASSIGNMENTS

Assessment

All assessments in the program follow the same process. Each assignment will have a marking rubric. Each assignment will be graded as: Pass, Revise, or Fail.

To pass the course you must pass all assignments.

Assignments

For each learning module the learner must:

- Participate in online forums.
- Submit a final report.

The Issues and Trends Reflection Report is a deeper reflection on how one issue/trend has affected or will affect the learner's organization or community parks/recreation operations or services.

More information on this assessment method and specific course assignment expectations are found within the course modules.