



**Recreational Therapy Program
BS/MS Combined Degree (4+1) RT Track**

RT Program Admission Requirements:

- Current enrollment in the Bachelor's degree program in the Recreation and Sport Management, Pre-Recreational Therapy/Adaptive Recreation Track.
- At the time of the application, the student must have completed 75-90 credits in this Bachelor's degree program
- Current overall GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- Must have completed (and passed with a C or better) LEI 3703 prior to the application process
- International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 on the IELTS is required.

RT Program Application Process:

Submit **in one email** all the application materials below to the RT Program Combined BS/MS Degree Coordinator, Tania Santiago-Perez at tsantiag@fiu.edu.

- *Application for Admission to the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program* form from the FIU Graduate School at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/4plus1-Application.pdf>. Directions:
 - Open this PDF so that you can type in the form (e.g. open in Adobe Acrobat Reader DC).
 - The program of study in the drop down menu to apply for is *Recreation & Sport Management (BS/MS) [BSMSRECTH2]*.
- Current resume
- An essay focusing on the following questions. (The essay will be evaluated on content, writing style, and writing ability and must follow APA style submitting a minimum of one double-spaced page per question.)
 - 1) What are your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree?
 - 2) What are your future career plans?
 - 3) What are your reasons for studying recreational therapy?
- Unofficial transcripts (all university and/or college transcripts)
- Proof of an American Heart Association or American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare provider's CPR Card or an American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR Card
- Signed **Letter of Understanding**, which outlines the courses, internship, and skill requirements of the Combined BS/MS Degree RT Track (see below for Letter of Understanding)

- After your application is reviewed, you will be required to mail or bring a \$30.00 Application Fee check made payable to Florida International University to ZEB 336A (FIU, School of Education and Human Development)



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Letter of Understanding

Directions: Provide your initials beside each item and provide your signature of commitment to the Florida International University Recreational Therapy Program at the end of this letter.

_____ I understand and am committed to learning:

Recreational Therapy, also known as Therapeutic Recreation, is a profession that contributes to the broad spectrum of health care through treatment, education, and the provision of adapted recreational opportunities--all of which are instrumental to improving and maintaining physical, cognitive, emotional, and social functioning, preventing secondary health conditions, enhancing independent living skills and overall quality of life.

_____ I understand the purpose of the Florida International University Recreational Therapy Program under the Combined BS/MS Degree RT Track is to:

Provide a nationally recognized curriculum designed "To prepare competent entry-level recreational therapists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains." Students are prepared to work in a variety of human service settings, ranging from hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and nursing facilities to community parks and recreation centers and are prepared to be eligible to sit and pass the NCTRC certification exam. Students learn from faculty members who are all nationally certified and recreational therapists with many years' experience.

_____ I understand that I need to complete the following courses as pre-requisites and receive a C or better in:

Human Anatomy: course and lab **	4 credits
Human Physiology course **	3 credits
** or combined anatomy and physiology course and lab (4)	
Human Growth & Development	3 credits

_____ I understand that the BS portion of the BS/MS Combined Degree RT Track (4+1) is comprised of the following undergraduate upper degree level courses and three (online only) graduate degree courses (57 credits total). All undergraduate courses must be completed with a C or better and all three graduate courses must be completed with a B or better.

RT Courses (12 credits):

LEI 3703: Introduction to RT	3 credits
LEI 4711: Assessment, Documentation & Evaluation in RT	3 credits
LEI 4724: Facilitation Techniques in RT	3 credits

LEI 3723L: RT Facilitation Techniques Lab x 3 1 credit x 3 diff. labs = 3 credits

Core Recreation Courses (12 credits):

LEI 3001: Leisure and Recreation in America 3 credits
 LEI 3542: Parks, Recreation and Sport Management 3 credits
 LEI 3707: Inclusive Recreation Services 3 credits
 LEI 3800: Liability and Law 3 credits

Support Courses/Electives (6 credits):

HSC 3537: Medical Terminology (or equivalent transfer) 3 credit
 CLP 4146L Psychopathology (or equivalent transfer) 3 credit

RT Graduate Level Courses (9 credits during senior year- ONLINE ONLY):

LEI 6726: Trends, Issues, and Management in RT 3 credits
 LEI 5716: Program Planning in RT 3 credits
 LEI 6815: Advanced Facilitation Techniques in RT 3 credits

Internship (18 credits: See below for more information):

LEI 4940: RT Internship I (160 hours x 2 sites, 3 credits each) 6 credits
 LEI 4941: RT Internship II (560 hours, 14 weeks x 40 hours/week) 12 credits

_____ I understand that the MS portion (+1) of the BS/MS Combined Degree RT Track (4+1) is comprised of the following graduate level courses (21-24 credits). All graduate courses are only offered ONLINE and I must earn an overall average GPA of 3.0 in all courses in the graduate degree program.

RT Courses (3 credits):

LEI 6725: Administrative Aspects of RT 3 credits

Elective (3 credits)

RT graduate advisor approved 3 credits

Core RSM and Research Courses (15-18 credits):

LEI 5510: Program Administration in Parks, Recreation and Sport 3 credits
 LEI 5605: Philosophical and Social Basis of Parks and Recreation Planning 3 credits
 EDF 5481: Foundations of Educational Research (Prerequisite for EDF 6472) 3 credits
 EDF 6472: Research Methods in Education: Introduction to Data Analysis 3 credits
 OR approved graduate level research course
 LEI 5907: Directed Study OR LEI 6970 Thesis (RT graduate advisor approved) 3-6 credits

The three graduate RT courses (9 credits) from the BS will count here in the MS too (total 30-33 graduate credits).

_____ I understand that only after I complete a total of 120 credits, I can graduate with my Bachelor's Degree in the Recreational Therapy Track and exit from the Combined BS/MS Degree RT Track OR I can continue on to complete my master's degree in RT in one year (three semesters).

_____ I understand that once I complete the bachelor's degree requirements, I have to apply for graduation during Internship II. After I receive my BS degree, I will be considered a graduate student.

_____ I understand that while I am an undergraduate student, I will be taking three graduate level courses. During this time, if I apply for financial aid/Pell grants, I will receive aid that would be equivalent to the total credits as if I was enrolled only at the undergraduate level. I will be responsible for the difference in cost (if it is not covered by additional financial aid).

_____ I understand that while I am still completing the BS portion of the combined degree, the program will have to provide me with a permission to register for the graduate level courses.

_____ I understand that I am responsible for finding internship placements and am not guaranteed to find a placement in my preferred location, city or setting.

_____ I understand that most internship sites require additional documentation (such as background checks, drug tests, CPR certification, immunizations, etc.) and that there may be additional costs associated and that I am financially responsible for those.

_____ I understand that upon completion of my internship (LEI 4941) I must be able to demonstrate the skills and professional competencies outlined in NCTRC job analysis task domains including:

- Establishing professional relationships and responsibilities
- Completing assessments
- Planning interventions and/or programs
- Implementing interventions and/or programs
- Evaluating outcomes of the interventions and/or programs
- Documenting intervention services
- Working within a treatment teams and/or with other service providers
- Developing and maintaining programs
- Managing therapeutic recreation/recreation therapy services
- Creating awareness and advocacy of recreation therapy service

_____ I understand that I will be applying to sit for the NCTRC exam during or after I complete LEI 4941: Internship II and the cost of such an application is ~ \$400.00.

This *Letter of Understanding* is to be read and signed by every student upon applying to the Combined BS/MS Degree in the Recreation Therapy Program at FIU when they enter the program and to signify a commitment to learning about recreational therapy and completing the requirements in the BS and/or MS portion of this combined degree.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Student Signature: _____

Student ID Number: _____