

October 28, 2016

Dr. Joe DiPietro, President  
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Dear Dr. DiPietro:

This is to report that the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT), at its meeting on October 4 in St. Louis, Missouri approved continuing accreditation of the **University of Tennessee - Knoxville Recreation and Sport Management Program until 2023.**

The Council approved the following commendations:

Sport Management Concentration

- Program is to be commended for pursuing and maintaining academic excellence as evidenced by over 33 years of accreditation
- The extent of the experiential learning opportunities is impressive and parlays into commendable levels of student engagement. Students were actively engaged in the accreditation process (Standard 5.01)
- The quality and effectiveness of academic and career advising is excellent (Standard 5.04)

Therapeutic Recreation Concentration

- Program is to be commended for pursuing and maintaining academic excellence as evidenced by over 33 years of accreditation
- The extent of the experiential learning opportunities is impressive and parlays into commendable levels of student engagement. Students were actively engaged in the accreditation process (Standard 5.01)
- The quality and effectiveness of academic and career advising is excellent (Standard 5.04)
- The program has made good use of resources as the Therapeutic Recreation program has quadrupled in enrollment over a three-year period.

Additionally, the Council requires the following information and/or minor revisions to be sent electronically to [COAPRT@nrpa.org](mailto:COAPRT@nrpa.org) by March 1, 2017:

- Collect, evaluate and use assessment data to make programmatic decisions on a ongoing basis but specifically on a semester by semester basis to be reflected in annual COAPRT report (Standards 2.05.03 and 2.05.04)

Your institution's accreditation by the COAPRT is valid until the program's next review in the fall of 2023. Prior to the fall of 2023 the program will submit an updated self-study for review by Council. If deemed in accordance with COAPRT Accreditation Standards, the program can expect an accreditation visit between the months of September 2022 and February 2023.

The Council is pleased to maintain University of Tennessee – Knoxville's Recreation and Sport Management Program on the list of accredited programs. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



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Awards and Accreditation Manager

cc: Dr. David Bassett, Jr.  
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