

Rec 253 Practicum: Information Provided to Students

REC 253 is the first placement experience required for the Therapeutic Recreation degree. This course requires 105 hours of practical experience interspersed over one academic term (approximately 15 weeks). The course is offered on a credit/no credit basis.

The course uses the Student-Led Individually-Created Courses (SLICC) teaching model, which will allow you to co-create your learning experience. This will give you the opportunity to identify the learning that has occurred as a result of your placement. Along with completing your 105 hours, students will create a proposal for their practicum experience, write weekly reflective blogs (10 in total), and a final report.

What is the SLICC Framework?

It is a reflective learning and assessment framework that provides you with more agency over the course. You can focus on what's important to you.

During the course, you will complete a proposal, weekly reflective blog posts (10) and a final report.

In the **proposal** you will outline the plan for your learning experience, contextualizing the learning outcomes to show how your project will help you achieve the learning outcomes.

Answer **What, how, & why?**

- What you plan on learning during your placement.
- How are you going to do it.
- What skills do you plan to develop, how you plan to do this, & why is it important to learn this?

Within the proposal you will contextualize these learning outcomes

- **Learning Outcome 1** – With respect to your chosen topic, what competency will you investigate & learn through your experience & how you are going to do this. The competencies are from the Essential Competencies Framework (ECF)

- **Learning Outcome 2:** Detail the range of skills & abilities you'll need to undertake this experience & the process you have in mind for developing required skills.
- **Learning Outcome 3:** Describe specific skill you are going to actively & purposefully work on during your practicum.
- **Learning Outcome 4:** Evaluate & reflect on your approach, learning, and development & what this means for you in the future.

Reflective Blog Posts

You are required to complete 10 blog posts on a ~ weekly basis. You'll be using two templates with guided prompts for reflecting alternating between the two on a weekly basis. You will share these with PebblePad ATLAS for assessment; feedback will be provided on your posts through PebblePad.

Final Report

- Withing your report, you will answer What? And Why? by summarizing your placement journey since submitting your proposal. For each learning outcome, you will outline progress and provide evidence for this. Why will be answered by summarizing and reporting your progress.