

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - CERTIFICATE

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This option focuses on programs and services that contribute to the development of young people's personal, physical, social and educational abilities. Youth workers are program developers, leaders and managers who need to be able to work with youth, families, organizations and communities. Coursework in this option focuses on positive youth development, program planning and evaluation, methods for working with young people, and societal factors that both contribute to and inhibit the development of young people. Students with an option in this field look forward to careers with non-profit, public and for-profit agencies that supply youth development opportunities for young people. Settings include after-school programs, community programs, camps, outdoor adventure and church-related recreation programs.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
RPTS 304	Administration of Recreation Resource Agencies	3
	or RPTS 323 or Managing Hospitality and Recreation Organizations	
RPTS 370	Youth Development Organizations and Services	3
RPTS 371	Understanding and Developing Effective Skills for Youth Development	3
RPTS 401	Tourism and Recreation Enterprises	4
	or RPTS 40: or Financing and Marketing Recreation, Park and Tourism Resources	
RPTS 472	Grant Writing and Program Evaluation for Youth Development Organizations	3
RPTS 478	Youth Development Practice	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		19

For graduation, students must earn at least a C average (2.0) in certificate courses.