

**All applications must be completed & submitted electronically.
When students are eligible to apply to the RT program, the link to the
online application will be e-mailed to them along with directions.
**SUBMIT APPLICATION AS DIRECTED ON TIMELINE!
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!****

Application for Admission to
B.S. in RECREATIONAL THERAPY
Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies
East Carolina University

**All applicants need to have a 2.0 GPA and be within 10 hours of
completing their 42 hours of Foundations Curriculum prior to
acceptance. The program director will email you to set up a time for a
short interview to discuss your application and answer any questions
you may have regarding details of the program.**

ECU Banner ID: _____
Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
Phone: _____
Local Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
ECU Email Address: _____

Overall GPA: (**found on your Banner transcript**):

Current Number of Foundations Curriculum Hours remaining: _____ (**you will obtain
this information from your HHP advisor; found at the bottom of your RT
checksheet – emailed to you**)

Number of Foundations Curriculum Remaining after the Current Semester is over:
_____ (**you will obtain this information from your HHP advisor; found at the
bottom of your RT checksheet – emailed to you**)

Previous Major(s): _____

Concentration and/or Minor Interests: _____

1. How did you learn about this major? (check all that apply)

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCLS 2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> RCLS 2601 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCTX 2230 | <input type="checkbox"/> ECU Pre-Health Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECU Open House | <input type="checkbox"/> RCLS website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCLS Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Adviser in Related Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advising Center | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

2. What had the most impact on your choosing this major?

- **Must answer WHY?**
- **What is YOUR personal story?**

3. What are your career interests?

- **Must answer with WHOM (population)**
- **Must answer WHERE - setting you interested in working in (examples: rehabilitation setting, long-term care/nursing home facility, behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse facility, etc.)**

4. Write a paragraph explaining why you want to major in RT.

- **Looking for unique stories as to WHY you chose this major/career path – answer:**
 - **What sets you apart from others?**
 - **Describe yourself as a person – include applicable character traits**
 - **WHY is RT the PERFECT major for YOU?**
 - **Identify things you've learned from volunteer/shadowing experiences**
- **Must be AT LEAST one well-written paragraph (5 sentences with a topic sentence) – time to shine, show off those writing skills!**

5. Completion of the B.S. in Recreational Therapy degree requires 60 Career Exploration Practicum Hours (15 in a Rehabilitation setting; 15 in a Long Term Care/Nursing Home setting; 15 in a Behavioral Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse setting; and 15 in a Flexible setting) that meet the requirements for the RT Career Exploration Practicum Hours. Please upload a copy of your Career Exploration Hours sheets to document how many hours you have completed at this

point. A portion of your admission score will be related to how many Career Exploration Hours you have completed. A description and the paperwork for these Career Exploration Practicum Hours are found here: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/rcls/BS-RT-practicum.cfm>.

- You will fill out the paperwork found on the link above and have it signed by the appropriate professional.
- Scan all your completed paperwork and attach it to your application.
- You **DO NOT** have to have all 60 Career Exploration Practicum Hours completed before you apply to the RT program, just turn in all you have done so far. The more you've completed, the better your chances are.

6. Recreational Therapy Technical Standards Form: The purpose of this document is to delineate the technical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective, and interpersonal skills deemed essential to complete this program and to perform as an effective practitioner in recreational therapy across settings. If a student is unable to demonstrate the following skills and abilities due to a recognized limiting factor, it is the responsibility of the student to request an appropriate accommodation. Students who are unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations will not be admitted into the recreational therapy degree program. Once admitted, students who do not maintain these standards throughout their studies will not be allowed to remain in the degree program. YOU MUST READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SIGN IT! Link to the form: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/advising/upload/RT-Tech-Stds-Approved-7_2011.pdf.

- You will print off this form and READ IT.
- If you agree to meet each standard on the form, SIGN & DATE IT.
- Scan the document and attach it to your application.

INTERVIEW Notes

- You will be contacted through e-mail about your interview date/time by a Recreational Therapy faculty member.
- Looking for a neat, clean, college student to come through that interview door – think “Sunday Best” – LOOK PROFESSIONAL!
- Be ON TIME for your interview!
- Brainstorm:
 - Who are you? Explain.
 - Experiences?
 - Recreational Therapy goals?
 - Any questions you may have.