

CHALLENGE COURSE MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Challenge Course Management and Leadership addresses the growing challenge education field and the need for trained practitioners within this field. The certificate curriculum closely follows the standards and guidelines developed by the leading national organizations in the challenge course industry. A student completing the full certificate curriculum will gain experience, education and training that is essential as a challenge course facilitator or manager as well as acquire documented experience to apply toward practitioner certification. Students also attain facilitation and leadership skills beneficial in many professional leadership or management roles.

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Required Courses

RCLS 220	LEADERSHIP IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	3
RCLS 225	FACILITATION TECHNIQUES	3
RCLS 321	CHALLENGE COURSE LOW ELEMENT	3
RCLS 352	CHALLENGE COURSE TECHNICAL SKILLS	3
RCLS 353	CHALLENGE COURSE ADVANCED TECHNICAL SKILLS	3
Total Credits		15

Student Learning Outcomes—students will

- understand experiential education and challenge course history, philosophy and foundational concepts and be able to convey those concepts to other practitioners;
- be able to model and teach appropriate facilitation skills for group ground initiatives, low and high elements including sequencing, setting participant expectations, teaching appropriate spotting skills, and managing the activity;
- exhibit an understanding of using group ground initiatives, low and high elements with varied populations including educational, military, adaptive, therapeutic, cultural and business settings;
- be able to model and teach a variety of debriefing techniques and tools to aid in effective group processing;
- learn technical skills for low and high elements including equipment use, retrieval and maintenance, various belay techniques, systems and transfers, course set-up, breakdown and inspection, rescue, knot tying and self-belayed climbing skills;
- learn to assess and manage all aspects of challenge course operations including standard operating procedures, equipment maintenance and inspection, practitioner training, personnel management, risk and emergency management, program planning and design, and challenge course policies and procedures.