

ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADVENTURE SPORTS:
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

COURSE: AVS 178 Adventure Program Operations Internship

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A cooperative internship program integrating practical work experience in adventure program management and operations with classroom seminar experience, students will be required to: spend a minimum of 120 hours in an Adventure Sports: Education, Leadership and Management intern position consistent with the student's area of concentration; fourteen hours in a seminar session for discussion, reflection, and analysis of experience; maintain a working journal of the experience; and complete a final report. An evaluation of the student's performance will be completed by site supervisor/mentor.

PREREQUISITE: AVS 101, 102, 103, and 140, HED 108

CREDIT HOURS: Lecture: 3 hrs. Credit: 3 hrs.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: Students will:

1. evaluate the current issues and trends impacting professionals and organizations in the outdoor industry
2. synthesize fundamental legal foundations, ethical principles and professional responsibility as applied to professional practices within the outdoor industry
3. understand policy and procedure for planning adventure education and recreational services
4. knowledge of managing and marketing strategies and techniques
5. evaluate procedures related to business/program operation and care of clients, resources and facilities
6. effectively utilize tools of communication
7. demonstrate program planning, implementation and evaluation
8. demonstrate professional skills necessary to leadership in the outdoor industry

COURSE CONTENT:

- I. Minimum of 120 hours fieldwork experience/professional involvement in an Adventure Program Operations internship position approved by the Director of Adventure Sports and students advisor
- II. Fourteen hours of seminar sessions
 - A. Professionalism and the Outdoor and Leisure Service Professional
 1. Roles and Responsibilities
 2. Professionals Resources
 - B. Professionalism and Ethical Behavior of Outdoor and Leisure Service Professionals
 1. Professional Competence
 2. Professional Trends and Issues
 - C. Agency Analysis: Professionalism and Services at Your Agency
 1. Issues and Trends
 2. Services
 3. Staffing
 4. Profession

- D. Self Analysis
 - 1. Professional Experience
 - 2. Future Professional Planning
- III. Job Description and Work Schedule
- IV. Weekly student report
- V. Student Portfolio
- VI. Agency Analysis
- VII. Special Project
- VIII. Agency Supervisor Evaluation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

With or without reasonable accommodation, all students must be able to:

- Navigate difficult and varying terrain in the mountain, aquatic, challenge course, and alpine environments.
- Lift and carry heavy loads that often exceed 50lbs. over difficult and strenuous terrain.
- Walk, paddle, climb, and hike long distances carrying substantial weight.
- Assist in rescue efforts which may include lifting, climbing and carrying substantial weight over difficult and varying terrain.

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a post-secondary student with a disability who is in need of academic accommodations or auxiliary aids is required to notify the College of the nature of the disability and to provide appropriate documentation which supports the request for reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids.

Individuals who would like to self-identify with a disability (and have not already) or think they may have a disability and want to request accommodations should contact the Office of Accessibility Services directly in Warren Hall, or call 743-2282 / (TTY) 743-2323 for an appointment.