The goals of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department are to:
Prepare therapeutic recreation specialists for practice in a variety of community and treatment settings via the Baccalaureate Degree Program in Therapeutic Recreation.

Provide opportunities for the university community to gain knowledge and experience through participation in a variety of recreation and leisure theory and activity courses.

Offer a series of academic courses in the area of health and fitness which are open to all members of the university community.

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Location:
The 5th Annual Therapeutic Recreation Conference will be held in the Wishcamper Center, Room 133. The Wishcamper Center is directly beside USM’s Parking Garage. Signs will be posted directing foot traffic to the Wishcamper Center. Conference attendees will be able to park in the USM parking Garage; free of charge which is found by the driving instructions to the USM Portland Campus (see below). You may access the parking garage by taking the 2nd left (immediately after the overhead skywalk) on Bedford Street. When entering the parking garage you will need to pull a ticket. Be sure to bring this ticket with you to the conference.

Directions:
For GPS purposes, the physical address of the Wishcamper Center is 34 Bedford St. Portland, Maine 04101. This is the second building on the left side of Bedford St. when entering from Forest Avenue.

From the south:
Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 44, South Portland/ Downtown Portland. Follow I-295 to Exit 6B, Forest Avenue North. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Bedford Street. Enter the USM Parking Garage by taking the next first left onto Surrenden Street immediately after the Alumni Skywalk.

From the north:
Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 47, Rand Road/ Westbrook. Follow Route 25 east 3 miles. At the intersection of Falmouth Street, Route 25 (Brighton Avenue), and Bedford Street, bear to left on Brighton Avenue that soon intersects with Bedford Street. Enter the USM Parking Garage by taking the first right onto Surrenden Street immediately before the Alumni Skywalk.

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KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Maine Recreation Therapy Association
MERTA

At the end of last year's conference many left with an understanding that in order to achieve licensure, and a higher level of recognition, we as professionals, were in need of a voice in our community. There was a great need for a voice that spoke for all Recreation Therapists in the state of Maine. Throughout the year we have worked hard to develop that voice. The Maine Recreational Therapy Association (MERTA) is proud to announce our status as an official ATRA chapter affiliate.

MERTA’s mission is to empower its members to identify their needs and to use their collective strength to create resources and opportunities to meet those needs. MERTA shall promote professional excellence in RT by: promoting the health and wellbeing of its consumers, furthering the identified objectives of its members, creating opportunities for professional and consumer collaboration, promoting ethical responsibility, and seeking to advance the profession. MERTA is a membership oriented organization that recognizes the knowledge, expertise and contributions of each member.

Get Involved In Your Profession!

Recreation therapists in Maine face numerous challenges, including professional recognition, reimbursement, licensure, and demonstrating efficacy of practice. In order to meet this challenges reconstruction therapists must have a strong voice that can be heard by lawmakers, allied health professionals, administrators and the general public. Your professional voice will help clarify and amplify this professional voice. Let’s create a professional group that can speak for recreation therapy in Maine. It is time to join together with other recreation therapists and turn up the volume.

CONFERECE SIGN-UP

TR Conference: April 26th 2013

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Would you like to be contacted to discuss your needs?

Please mail this form with your payment by April 15 to reserve your space.

If you find that you are going to be registering late please contact us so we can make arrangements.

Mail registration to:

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Agenda
8:00—8:30 Welcome Reception & Registration

8:30-10:00 “Maine Recreation Therapy Association: Who, What, Where, When & Why”

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:45 “Early Stage Dementia Programming”
Nancy Richeson, PhD, CTRS – USM Dept. of Recreation and Leisure Studies, William Kirkpatrick, LSW– Program Director of Alzheimer's Association, Mark Pechenik, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach of Alzheimer's Association

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00 “Recreation Therapy with Neuropsychology Partnership”
Browyn Drownfield, CTRS/L, CBIS- Director of Recreation Therapy at RiverRidge Center. Amy Clukey, CTRS, CBIS, RiverRidge Center. Dr. Austin Errico, Ph.D, CBIST- RiverRidge Center.

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15-3:45 “Adaptive Recreation and Sports: Equipment, Techniques and Programs in New England and Beyond”

3:45-5:00 “Taijiquan and Qigong as Recreation Therapy Interventions”
Jason Ames, Owner and Lead Instructor at Maine Center for Taijiquan & Qigong.