

# PRM Essay

## Why I want to be a PRM Major

In order to assist us in helping you select the correct direction that you need to take in Parks and Recreation Management, we would like you to put a **great deal of thought** into writing this essay. We would like you to use an introduction stating why you want to be a PRM major, then side headings to give detail concerning your goals. Finish with a summary. The side headings would be:

**Introduction**

**Goals**

**Strategies**

**Kind of position desired upon graduation**

**Summary**

**References**

Your goals and strategies should be steered by what you have researched by reviewing journals and magazines from the magazine stand in the Green Room, the library – virtual or real, or interview some professionals. Also, look at the “What you can do with this degree” sheet on the PRM WEB Page. This research should be referenced in your essay and at the end under “References”.

To help you remember what to include, complete this checklist and **attach this to the actual essay**. The essay will **be hand written with care taken over your penmanship** and will be three pages long plus references. We are looking for a well-written paper with *nice penmanship!*

### Checklist

- Why I want to be a PRM major (title).
- Introduction – include why you want to be a PRM major and describe past experiences that have influenced you.
- Goals – what kinds of things do you want to achieve. Having researched the recreation profession, what type of recreation job are you interested in – resort worker, commercial recreation worker, community recreation worker, park ranger, outdoor instructor, etc. What does their work entail? Do include references as to where you found this information.
- Strategies - having researched the profession, what can you anticipated doing while here at WCU to help you to eventually become employed. This would include things like leadership experience, writing practice, travel, volunteer work, languages, activity skills, group skills, computer skills, membership in a professional organization, experience with different populations, or expeditions. Be very specific and give examples that you find in your research. How much time do you anticipate devoting to studying?
- What kind of position are you seeking when you graduate? What does it pay? What are the benefits?
- Summarize why you do want to be a PRM major.
- Add the references that you used.
- Staple this sheet to the essay with checks in the boxes to show that you have used the above directions.