



Provincial Pilot Information

Recreation North's Training Program develops core competencies for recreation leadership.

Are you new to the field or recreation? Do you work or volunteer in a northern or rural community? If so, apply to participate in Recreation North's Provincial Pilot offered from November 2019 to May 2020.

Only 32 applicants will be accepted, so apply now!

Recreation North's Provincial Pilot is offered in partnership with:



and



What is the Recreation North Training Program?

The Training Program builds recreation leadership competencies through a series of short learning events delivered remotely. Remote delivery allows participants to gain knowledge, skills, and experience in the recreation field while living in their home community. Training is delivered online and through conference calls and encourages learning through application and from peers. This means that training costs less and fits with work and family commitments.

Who is the Training Program For?

The Training Program is for emerging recreation leaders who have little or no formal training or education in recreation. An emerging leader works or volunteers, or may want to start working or volunteering, in community recreation.

Why do we Need It?

Recreation contributes to individual, community, and environmental health and wellbeing. The Recreation North Training Program strengthens recreation capacity through meaningful and relevant training for leaders who make their communities better places to live.

What's in it for employers and communities?

- Competent and confident staff.
- Reduced staff turnover.
- Training that fits with work and family commitments.
- Skills to manage finances, and to coordinate and lead programs and events.
- Quality recreation that can reduce factors such as crime, suicide, chronic disease, violence, etc.

What's in it for emerging recreation leaders?

- Competence and confidence to do your job well.
- Less stress and burnout in paid and volunteer roles.
- Planning skills that help you make better use of time and resources.
- Better able to promote community engagement, interest, and participation.
- Being part of a network that lets you share ideas and ask for help.

The Provincial Pilot

- “Tests”, on a small-scale, the Recreation North Training Program in four Provinces (BC, AB, MB, ON).
- Runs November 2019 to May 2020.
- Offers training for a maximum of 32 emerging recreation leaders.
- Offers a small selection of the Training Program’s learning events.
- Uses Moodle, a Learning Management System (see www.recnorth.ca), and conference calls to deliver training remotely (not in-person).

The Commitment

Participants must:

- Have computer and Internet access.
- Complete a Provincial Pilot Orientation on Thursday, November 7th at 3:00 PM Eastern time (2:00 PM Central; 1:00 PM Mountain; Noon Pacific).
- Share feedback that will help evaluate the Provincial Pilot.
- Belong to (or become a member of) their Provincial Recreation and Parks Association.

Participants DO NOT need:

- Online or distance learning experience.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Interest Form by **October 16, 2019** and send to Recreation Connections Manitoba.
2. You will be notified by October 18, 2019 of your interest form status and next steps.

FAQs:

Are all of the courses delivered online?

During the Pilot, *all* courses (called Learning Events) will be delivered remotely. Due to the challenges with technology in rural and remote communities, the events will not be delivered with typical webinar software. Instead, we use an online learning management system (Moodle) and a conference call system.

Is there a strict deadline for completing the Learning Events?

Learning Events (LEs) must be completed within the timeframe specified in order for a participant to receive credit. A learning event takes place over 2 weeks. Typically, an extra 2 weeks is given to complete the work.

Will completing learning events be a lot of work?

We have designed each learning event to take approximately 5 to 7 hours over 2 weeks. Each week there is a 1-hour conference call on Thursdays and a required learning activity. The training is appropriate for people who have been out of school for a long time or who may not be comfortable with classroom-style learning.

Is there a cost to participating in the Provincial Pilot?

Yes, each course is \$55, for a total of \$220 for all five courses.

Is it possible to complete the Certificate in Northern Recreation Leadership?

If the Pilot is successful and delivery in the provinces continues, you can complete 8 more learning events and earn a Certificate in Northern Recreation Leadership.

Do Recreation North's Learning Events count as credits for the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association's (CPRA) Professional Development Certification (PDC)?

Yes, our training will count as [learning credits towards recertification](#) in CPRA's PDC program.

Do the courses transfer as credits towards institutions throughout Canada?

Not at the moment. However, they have been designed based on competencies which align with current trends in education.

Learning Events and Schedule:

As a Provincial Pilot participant, you will take 4 learning events. Three are required and you will pick the fourth from 2 options. Provincial Pilot participants must commit to completing all 4 learning events.

Required

RF101 – Intro to Recreation Foundations introduces the basics of recreation and explores how it benefits individual, community and environmental well-being. A solid understanding of the field helps promote recreation as an essential community service.

- ❑ November 11- 24: conference calls on November 14 & 21 from Noon - 1:00 EST (for Ontario & Manitoba participants) and 1:00 - 2:00 MT (for Alberta and British Columbia participants)

RS102 - Get to Know Your Community encourages leaders to get to know their communities well. Knowing how the system works, and understanding local people, context and culture, helps ensure meaningful, inclusive and accessible community recreation.

- ❑ January 20 - February 2 with conference calls on January 23 & 30 from Noon - 1:00 EST (for Ontario & Manitoba participants) and 1:00 - 2:00 MT (for Alberta and British Columbia participants)

PE101 - Deliver Recreation Programs and Events introduces six steps recreation leaders can use to design and deliver a recreation program or a special event. Effective design and delivery of each activity results in successful, safe and enjoyable recreation experiences.

- ❑ February 10 - 23: conference calls on February 13 & 20 from Noon - 1:00 EST (for Ontario & Manitoba participants) and 1:00 - 2:00 MT (for Alberta and British Columbia participants)

Choose one of the two below.

BF101 - Handle Recreation Finances develops a basic understanding of how to responsibly handle recreation finances. Learn to use a system to track, control and report on money coming in and money being spent on projects, programs and events.

- ❑ February 24 - March 8 with conference calls on February 27 and March 5 from Noon - 1:00 EST (for Ontario & Manitoba participants) and 1:00 - 2:00 MT (for Alberta and British Columbia participants)

RM101 - Manage Risk in Rural and Remote Communities explores how risk influences recreation opportunities and experiences. Learn basic ways to manage risk and reduce the chance of something bad happening to a participant, a leader, or a facility.

- ❑ March 23 - April 5 with conference calls on March 26 & April 2 from Noon - 1:00 EST (for Ontario & Manitoba participants) and 1:00 - 2:00 MT (for Alberta and British Columbia participants)

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