

The Park Ranger Technology Program provides training for those seeking careers in natural resource protection, interpretation, and management. Law enforcement, natural resource interpretation, public safety services and outdoor recreation/education are the major areas of concentration, reflecting the needs of the industry and potential employment in all levels of government as well as private companies. To become a full-time professional Park Ranger, most hiring agencies have three basic requirements: 1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning; 2) basic park ranger knowledge and skills; 3) seasonal park ranger employment experience. The Park Ranger Technology (PRT) certificate programs are designed around all agency requirements and allow students to design a program around specific interests, career goals, and previous training or education. The PRT Certificate Program is appropriate for the following individuals:

- Students with a high school diploma, or some college, wishing to begin a program of study to prepare them for employment as a professional Park Ranger. In addition to the PRT Certificate of Concentration, the PRT program advisor will help you design an appropriate 2-year associates degree that can be transferred to a four-year institution.
- Students seeking part-time or full-time seasonal employment as a Park Ranger with an agency (local, state, or federal) which may not require a four-year degree. Students must first consult with the PRT program advisor before beginning any program of study.
- Students who already have a four-year degree in an unrelated field and who wish to make a career change.

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Certificates:

- Law Enforcement
- Public Safety
- Outdoor Recreation
- Resource Interpretation

Certificate

Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement Certificate is for those students wishing to increase their job opportunities by becoming qualified for full law enforcement responsibilities in the field.

Required Courses	Credits
LEA 101-108 Post Law Enforcement Academy	37
PRA 102 Introduction to Park Ranger Technology	3
PRA 203 Natural Resource Management	3
PRA 280 Park Ranger Internship	3
Total Credits	46

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Public Safety

The Public Safety Certificate provides necessary training for those students wanting to work for agencies providing fire, EMS, rescue, hazardous materials, or other response/mitigation services.

Required Courses	Credits
PRA 102 Introduction to Park Ranger Technology	3
PRA 203 Natural Resource Management	3
PRA 280 Park Ranger Internship	3
EMS 125 Emergency Medical Technician – Basic	9
EMS 170 Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Clinical	1
FST 121 Technical Rope Rescue	4
FST 152 Intro to Wildland Firefighting	3
FST 236 Fire Operations in the Urban Interface	2
Total Credits	28

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Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation Certificate provides a wide choice for those wishing to become employed as guides, outdoor instructors, safety personnel, or rangers with both governmental and private agencies.

Required Courses	Credits
PRA 102 Introduction to Park Ranger Technology	3
PRA 203 Natural Resource Management	3
PRA 205 Resource Interpretation	3
PRA 218 Outdoor Recreation Leadership	3
PER 128 Introduction to Recreation	2
PER 252 Principles of Outdoor Recreation	3
PRA 280 Park Ranger Internship	3
Required Course credits	20
Elective Courses	13
Choose 13 credits from the following:	
HPR 125 Outdoor Emergency Care or HWE 129 Wilderness First Responder	4
GIS 101 Geographic Information Systems	3
PED 124 Mountain Biking	1
PED 129 Scuba Diving	1
PED 131 Nordic Skiing	2
PED 132 Snowshoeing	1
PED 150 Rock Climbing I	2
PED 151 Rock Climbing II	2
PED 153 Hiking	1
PED 154 Backpacking	2
PED 155 Outdoor Expedition	3
PED 157 Basic Mountaineering	3
PED 159 Colorado Fourteeners	2
PED 162 Map and Compass for the Outdoors	3
PED 163 Orienteering and Routefinding	3
PED 165 Wilderness Survival Skills	3
PED 166 Winter Wilderness Survival Skills	2
PED 207 Intermediate Whitewater Canoeing	1
PED 237 Paddle Sports	2
PER 168 Outdoor Equipment and Facilities	3

A course numbered XXX means that the course is pending approval by the RRCC Curriculum Committee and CCCS.

PER 152	Avalanche Safety Level I	1
PER 153	Whitewater Rafting Guide	2
PER 160	Wilderness Ethics	3
PER 161	Backcountry Cooking	1
Total Credits		33

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Resource Interpretation

The Resource Interpretation Certificate is for those working with resource interpretation, naturalists, and/or other nature center work with the public.

Required Courses		Credits
PRA 102	Introduction to Park Ranger Technology	3
PRA 203	Natural Resource Management	3
PRA 205	Resource Interpretation	3
PRA 218	Outdoor Recreation Leadership	3
PRA 280	Park Ranger Internship	3
PER 160	Wilderness Ethics	3
Total Credits		18