The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Recreation Management prepares students for employment in a wide variety of recreation and leisure settings. The program also provides a means for graduates to become certified as an Associate Park and Recreation Professional through the National Park and Recreation Association.

The program is organized around core courses that emphasize administration, program planning, and an understanding of the foundation of recreation. The curriculum can be completed using an online delivery format. The online format allows students study from home and continue to work full time or part time. Students desiring an on campus experience can attend college at DCB and only take the recreation management courses online.

Why study recreation management?
The park and recreation profession offers diverse job opportunities throughout the country. Whether you are working in an office or out in the field, a career in park and recreation means enhancing the quality of life for all people through advancing environmental conservation efforts, social equity, and health and wellness. Going to a job you love every day is something everyone wants. If you have the passion for being outdoors, helping people, and bettering your community, you may want to consider a career in this field.

Career choices
Students completing the AAS in Recreation Management are suited for a wide variety of positions in the recreation field. Because the variety of courses and areas of interest available are different for each student they can expect to find employment in schools, all levels of government, private industry, corporations, tourism, commerce, wellness, and commercial recreation.

Focused courses for your degree
The recreation management program focuses on courses in recreation management. There are also general education requirements. The student can fine tune their program based on their career goals and interests by selecting either the Outdoor Recreation/Park Management Option or Commercial Recreation/Tourism Option. Students also select up to 15 elective credits and complete an internship applying their classroom knowledge to the workplace.
COURSES REQUIRED
Recreation Management (AAS)

Core Courses
- BIOL 124 Environmental Science ................................. 4 cr
- CSCI 101 Intro. to Computers ........................................ 3 cr
- ENGL 110 College Composition I ................................. 3 cr
  or COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- HPER 100 Concepts of Wellness/Fitness .......................... 2 cr
- Math electives ............................................................. 3-4 cr
- RLS 110 Foundations or Recreation ............................... 3 cr
- RLS 215 Recreation Areas & Facilities ............................ 3 cr
- RLS 222 Recreation Program Planning ........................... 3 cr
- RLS 286 Recreation Administration ................................ 3 cr
- RLS 288 Accessibility & Public Policy ............................ 3 cr
- SOC 110 Intro. to Sociology .......................................... 3 cr
  or PSYC 111 Intro. to Psychology

Outdoor Recreation/Park Management Focus
- PSYC 100 Human Relations in Organizations .................. 3 cr
- RLS 210 Environmental Education ................................. 3 cr
- RLS 212 Principles of Interpretation ............................... 3 cr
- RLS 271 Fundamentals of Rec. & Resource Mgmt .......... 3 cr
- RLS 285 Natural Resource Law ...................................... 3 cr
- RLS 297 Cooperative Education ..................................... 3 cr
- TOUR 212 Principles of Tourism .................................... 3 cr
- Electives ..................................................................... 6-7 cr

Commercial Recreation/Tourism Focus
- PSYC 100 Human Relations in Organizations .................. 3 cr
- RLS 271 Fundamentals of Rec. & Resource Mgmt ........... 3 cr
- RLS 280 Community & Commercial Rec ........................ 3 cr
- RLS 290 Intro. to Inclusive Recreation ............................ 3 cr
- RLS 297 Cooperative Education .................................... 2-4 cr
- TOUR 212 Principles of Tourism .................................... 3 cr
- Electives ..................................................................... 8-15 cr

All courses subject to change.

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Dakota College at Bottineau Vision
Dakota College at Bottineau is rooted in the past and grows towards the future by combining the best from the Past, Present, and Future to provide students with innovative educational opportunities. The campus will emphasize a knowledge and appreciation of Nature, implement a rapidly changing Technology, and prepare students to go Beyond and improve the quality of life.