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Jessica Koontz—Houston, TX

The courses were really interesting and I use the information I learned in my career now. I would encourage anyone interested in the field to take advantage of course materials and lectures, actively participate in class, and network with classmates and professors. It will be very beneficial to you in your career.”

Jenny Upah—Houston, TX

The program was well put together. The classes were small enough you could interact more with the professor and with other students. Each class touches different topics that are very important for a professional in the sports and recreation area. I learned so much, and I am able to apply many things that I learned in class to my everyday assignments.”

Sergio Rosenhek—Houston, TX

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- Sport, exercise and recreational specialists
- Specialists working in fitness programs in corporate and medical settings
- Physical education teachers
- Business personnel in the sports industry
- Students preparing to pursue a doctoral degree
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