NC State conducts its annual survey of graduating seniors during the fall and spring semesters. Students from all undergraduate academic programs who graduated in December or May are included. The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management Program includes a special survey insert into the university survey to ask additional questions specific to the student's college major program. A total of 151 undergraduate degrees were conferred by our department in AY12-13, and 51 of the graduates completed the insert (33.8%).

Overall, the responding students felt their undergraduate program helped them to develop written communication skills, effective team work skills and the ability to speak in formal and informal settings. They also felt their degree prepared them to develop, organize and direct recreation and sport programs; plan and manage facilities; identify and solve problems; and analyze and interpret data. Eighteen percent (18%) of those responding started their PRTM major as off campus transfers, 33% as freshmen, and 49% transferred from another major at NCSU.

How satisfied are you with the education you have gained overall in this program?

How frequently did you speak with your faculty advisor outside the classroom environment about advice/discussion of academic matters? (Study habits, grades, etc.)
How frequently did you speak with your faculty advisor outside the classroom environment about required academic planning? (Registration, drop/add, etc.)

How often did you have a personal discussion outside the classroom environment with your faculty advisor? (Roommates, finances, etc.)

Did you start out at NC State as a PRT, SMT or PGM major or did you transfer in?
2012-13 PRTM Graduate Survey Results

What was the most important factor to you in deciding to major in PRT, SMT or PGM?

To what extent do you feel you developed an expertise in writing papers?

To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to function effectively as a member of a team?

To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to speak effectively in formal and informal situations?
To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to analyze and interpret survey results?

- A great deal: 82%
- A moderate amount: 12%
- A fair amount: 4%
- A little: 2%

To what extent do you feel you developed the skills to plan and manage parks and recreation facilities?

- A great deal: 69%
- A moderate amount: 21%
- A fair amount: 8%
- A little: 2%

To what extent do you feel you developed the skills to plan, organize and direct recreation/sport programs?

- A great deal: 53%
- A moderate amount: 35%
- A fair amount: 8%
- A little: 4%

To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to identify, formulate and solve problems?

- A great deal: 71%
- A moderate amount: 21%
- A fair amount: 8%
2012-13 PRTM Graduate Survey Results

To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to understand professional and ethical responsibilities?

- A great deal: 20%
- A moderate amount: 80%

To what extent do you feel you developed familiarity with various theories of recreation, play and leisure?

- A great deal: 25%
- A moderate amount: 67%

To what extent do you feel you developed the ability to engage in lifelong learning?

- A great deal: 24%
- A moderate amount: 72%

To what extent do you feel you developed the skills to assume leadership roles in your community?

- A great deal: 16%
- A moderate amount: 80%
2012-13 PRTM Graduate Survey Results

Did the program include enough classroom presentations for you to gain good oral presentation skills?

Did the program include enough written assignments and feedback for you to gain good report-writing skills?

Did the program provide adequate knowledge of contemporary issues?

Did the program include enough assignments that involved use of technology for you to gain good computer and technical skills?
2012-13 PRTM Graduate Survey Results

Did your internship/co-op provide you with an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experiences in your area of interest?

Based on the quality of teaching, would you recommend this program to a friend?

If you were beginning over, would you still choose to major in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Sport Management or Professional Golf Management?