



Rec Ready Mentorship Program

Program Overview:

The RecReady Mentorship Program is a partnership between Allan Hancock College, the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, and community partners. It offers students pursuing careers in recreation, parks, and related fields a 12-week paid opportunity to gain hands-on experience, develop professional skills, and complete a capstone project.

Position Summary:

Student Mentees will be paired with a Recreation and Parks professional who will mentor them through real-world work experiences, guided project creation, and professional development activities. Students will work 15 hours per week in paid placements and engage in training sessions and evaluations to support their growth and career readiness.

Key Responsibilities:

- Work 15 hours per week in assigned department area (e.g., Programs, Events, Facilities, Parks).
- Attend orientation, mixers, and three professional development workshops.
- Participate in regular mentor check-ins and progress meetings.
- Complete a capstone project: either lead a new program/event or design a park/facility concept.
- Actively contribute to planning, implementation, and evaluation of their capstone.
- Follow workplace expectations, attendance policies, and actively participate in all program components.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently enrolled at Allan Hancock College.
- Major in Recreation, Parks, Hospitality, or related fields (e.g., Culinary Arts, Arts, Sports, Education, Architecture).
- Enrolled in WEE149 and Career Readiness Academy.
- Submit a letter of interest to a College Faculty Advisor for program referral.
- Attend all required orientations and trainings.

Time Commitment:

15 hours per week over a 12-week session. Students may miss up to three days. Volunteer opportunities and additional hours available through events and College Corps.



Benefits:

- Earn compensation for real-world work experience.
- Receive mentorship from experienced professionals.
- Develop essential career and leadership skills.
- Earn three college units through WEE149.
- Build a strong professional network and complete a project that enhances your resume.

Student Signature: _____



Rec Ready Student Mentee Application

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Educational Background

Major/Field of Study: _____

Current Year (e.g., Sophomore, 2nd Yr): _____

Internship Interest Areas

Youth Programs

Senior Services

Special and Community Events

Facility Operations

Sports

Aquatics

Environmental Education

Administrative/Planning

Hospitality

Tourism

Availability: (e.g., specific days/times)



Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Short Answer Questions

1. What do you hope to gain from this internship?

2. Describe any previous volunteer or work experience related to Recreation & Parks:

3. What are your career goals?

Application Deadline: December 19, 2025, by 5:00 pm

I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I agree to comply with all expectations set by the City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed forms via email to rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org or in person at the Recreation and Parks Administration Office located at 615 S. McClelland Street.