



**Shepherd Center**  
RECREATION THERAPY

Dear Student:

We are pleased that you are interested in Shepherd Center's Recreation Therapy Internship Program.

All interns are supervised by a certified recreation therapy specialist, and all interns progressively experience the responsibilities of a full-time therapist. We require students to complete a 15-week internship. The number of internship positions offered depends on the time of the year for which you will be applying, as well as staff availability.

Shepherd Center is a 152-bed rehabilitation facility located in Atlanta, Georgia. The primary diagnosis is spinal cord injury or related problems, but some patients may have a neurological disorder affecting the spinal cord such as multiple sclerosis, Guillian Barre', spina bifida, etc. We also have a 40 bed Acquired Brain Injury Program, and offer Day Program, and outpatient services in the continuum of care. In addition to being a Model Spinal Cord Center, Shepherd is recognized as a National Multiple Sclerosis center. Comprehensive services are provided for the patient such as physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, therapeutic recreation, rehabilitation and vocational counseling, and education in addition to medical and nursing care. Within our continuum of services offered at Shepherd Center, we also have our Center for Spine Care offering comprehensive medical and rehabilitative services to patients with chronic pain.

This rotation is fast paced and can be very challenging. You will have plenty of opportunities to refine your observation and clinical skills. I strongly encourage you to review examination procedure for brain injuries, along with considerations for treating patients with these conditions.

**DATES:**

SEMESTER	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Summer	January 15
Fall	April 15
Spring	September 15

All applications are held until the deadline date, and interviews are scheduled after reviewing the pool of candidates.

Enclosed is literature about Shepherd Center, the Recreation Therapy department, internship guidelines, an internship job description, and an areas-of-interest checklist. The following items must be submitted together in order for your application to be considered complete and to be reviewed:

1. Resume (can be emailed but transcript must be mailed)	2. Completed areas of interest checklist
3. The following five (5) questions must be answered through a video response: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Part of your experience as a fieldwork student is receiving constructive feedback from your fieldwork educator regarding your treatment plans, documentation, and communication skills. How do you like to receive constructive feedback? Can you tell us about a time that you received constructive feedback and were able to use that feedback to improve your skills or performance?</li> <li>2) Why did I chose Shepherd Center as your clinical Internship Facility?</li> <li>3) What would your friends say are your best attributes? What would they say is your biggest area of improvement?</li> </ol>	4. Letters of recommendation (optional)

4) What is your shark tank Idea for Recreation Therapy? 5) Name your favorite recreation therapy class and what you gained from that class that will help you in your fieldwork?	
<b>Title your video as the semester you are submitting for internship, your name and University you attend. Email video to Valerie.Miller@shepherd.org Video must not exceed 7 minutes.</b>	
5. Official Transcript (must be in sealed envelope from university).	
Shepherd Center Attn: Valerie Miller, Recreational Therapy 2020 Peachtree Road NW Atlanta GA 30309	

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 404-350-7324

Sincerely,

Valerie Miller, C.T.R.S.  
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 Recreation Therapy Department