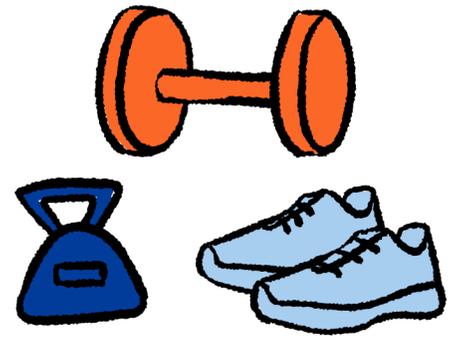


Professional Organizations

- **Shape America**

<https://www.shapeamerica.org/>

SHAPE America (Society of Health and Physical Educators) is a U.S. professional organization that represents over 200,000 health and physical education professionals. It sets national standards for quality health and physical education programs that help children lead healthier, more active lives. It offers resources, advocacy, and networking opportunities that can be especially valuable for students preparing for careers in education, health, coaching, or related fields.



- **National Recreation and Park Association**

<https://www.nrpa.org/>

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a major U.S. nonprofit that works to strengthen communities by promoting parks, recreation, and conservation. It supports a network of over 60,000 park and recreation professionals with advocacy, research, and professional development. For students interested in careers in community health, outdoor recreation, or public policy, NRPA offers career resources, certifications, events, and connections that can help you gain experience and build your professional network.



- **New York State Recreation & Park Society**

<https://nysrps.org/>

New York State Recreation & Park Society is a nonprofit membership group that promotes the value of parks, recreation, and leisure services in New York by offering development and resources to recreation and park professionals across the state. For students interested in careers in recreation, parks management, community programming, or public service, it provides access to educational events, internships, workshops, and connections that can help build skills and networks.



- **New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association**

<https://nystra.wildapricot.org/>

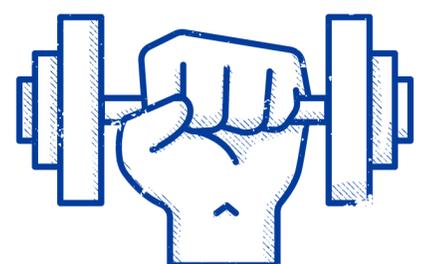
The New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association (NYSTRA) is a professional organization in New York that supports and promotes the field of therapeutic recreation by advancing high standards, education, research, and collaboration among practitioners who use recreation to improve health and quality of life. It provides networking, conferences, and resources for members working in therapeutic recreation and related health services.



- **American Therapeutic Recreation Association**

<https://www.atra-online.com/>

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) is the only national U.S. membership organization representing recreational therapists, health professionals who use recreation-based interventions to improve functioning and quality of life for individuals with illnesses or disabilities. It advocates for the profession and provides continuing education, networking opportunities, and professional resources to support practice, career growth, and community impact.



- **North American Society for Sport Management**

<https://nassm.org/>

The North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) is a professional association that promotes and encourages academic study, research, scholarly writing, and professional development in the field of sport management across North America. It supports members through publications, conferences, networking, and resources that help advance knowledge and careers in sport management education and practice.