Becoming an North Carolina Certified Environmental Educator allows you to share your passion for the outdoors with others while earning a widely recognized professional certification.

- Gain new skills and tools for teaching
- Connect with educators
- Advance your career
- Explore the state
- Help your community
- Gain confidence teaching outdoors
- Grow as a professional educator
- Meet amazing people
- Gain content knowledge, new hands-on techniques, resources and curriculum
- Get outdoors
- Experience workshops, outdoor excursions and other great opportunities
- Visit nature centers, parks, gardens, forests, museums, aquariums, zoos and more
- Bring the environment into any classroom

Program Partners

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Environmental Educators of North Carolina

North Carolina Association of Environmental Education Centers
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

A program of the North Carolina Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

For more information about the program, the enrollment fee or to enroll, visit eenorthcarolina.org

Cost statement
NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION encourages professional development in environmental education and recognizes educators committed to environmental stewardship. It establishes standards for professional excellence in environmental education for classroom teachers and nonformal educators.

Environmental Education Certification enhances the ability of educators and organizations to provide quality programs and resources, which benefits local communities while investing in the future of North Carolina’s environment.

“This experience has allowed me to craft my passion into my profession.” Staci, Mecklenburg County

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This self-paced, experiential program includes six different components including workshops, outdoor experiences, knowledge of resources and facilities, teaching hours, a community project and continuing education in environmental education.

Participants include non-formal educators who work in places such as parks, nature centers and science museums, as well as classroom teachers, retirees, volunteers, people interested in a second career, college professors and undergraduate and graduate students.