

Teacher CEU Toolbox

Bringing Learning Outdoors

What is this course about?

Empirical evidence proves that outdoor education is particularly effective teaching method. Participants in this course will cover the social-emotional, academic and community benefits of outdoor learning, and how students will understand the impact of their choices and activities upon the world around them and how we are interconnected. Some subjects covered include sustainability, program funding, The Adventure Experience Paradigm, and the history of The Great Outdoors. Enrollment time is a total of three calendar days (4320 minutes) from the moment of enrollment. Activity time includes 300 minutes logged into the system. This 30-hour course uses a combination of both time requirements to maximize participation and allow time for completion of ongoing assignments and assessments. Completion certificates are restricted until both time requirements are accomplished. The minimum time for participant completion of this course includes both enrollment time and system logged in activity time. Enrollment time is a total of three calendar days (4320 minutes) from the moment of enrollment. Activity time includes 300 minutes logged into the system. This 30-hour course uses a combination of both time requirements to maximize participation and allow time for completion of ongoing assignments and assessments. Completion certificates are restricted until both time requirements are accomplished. It is suggested that you use this syllabus to seek prior approval from your individual licensing agency BEFORE registering for this course.

- Approved for 3.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) = 30 Hours (30 clock hours)
- Approved by Nevada Department of Education (NVDOE) as 2.0 CEUs for Nevada Educators

By the end of this course, you will:

- ✓ Know research highlights that support the benefits of outdoor education
- ✓ Understand the basics of adapting your teaching to an outdoor environment
- ✓ Be familiar with the Adventure Experience Paradigm
- ✓ Be able to discuss the attraction of The Great Outdoors and its resources
- ✓ Know the possible future courses of action for outdoor education
- ✓ Understand the challenges of outdoor education and how to overcome them
- ✓ Be able to introduce outdoor components to an indoor classroom, teach a hybrid program, or completely move to an outdoor classroom

The main topics covered in this course are:

Unit 1: *Introduction to Outdoor Education*

- ✓ *Kinesthetic Learning*
- ✓ *Appreciation for The Great Outdoors*

Unit 2: *The Adventure Experience Paradigm*

- ✓ *The Roots of the Paradigm*
- ✓ *The Paradigm and Education*

Unit 3: *Levels of Outdoor Education*

- ✓ *Bringing The Outdoors In*
- ✓ *Hybrid Programs*
- ✓ *Going All "Out"*

Unit 4: *Benefits of Outdoor Education*

- ✓ *Academic Benefits*
- ✓ *Social/Emotional Benefits*
- ✓ *Combating Nature Deficit Disorder*

Unit 5: *Challenges to Outdoor Education*

- ✓ *Money and Other Resources*
- ✓ *Traditional Education Perspective*

Unit 6: *Future Impacts*

- ✓ *Teaching Methods*
- ✓ *Environmental Sustainability*

Intended Audience:

- ✓ *Teachers whose students are interested in the environment*
- ✓ *Teachers who want innovating behavior management techniques*
- ✓ *Teachers who are inspired by outdoor environments*
- ✓ *Educators who live in areas heavily dependent on the environment for professional opportunities*

Session Dates and Costs:

This and all Teacher CEU Toolbox courses are self-paced. Once a participant purchases access to a course, that individual has one calendar year to complete the course requirements. Our courses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can register and purchase access to courses online, via credit card, in our secure environment.

- ✓ ***Course Cost: \$149.95***

Course Credit Requirements:

- ✓ ***This course is organized into six academic units***
- ✓ ***You need to spend at least thirty hours over three days (4320 minutes = 72 hours = 3 days) in this course to receive credit***
- ✓ ***You need an internet-connected device and a reliable internet connection to take this course***
- ✓ ***You must access all of the site pages to receive credit for the course***
- ✓ ***You must complete all of the lesson tasks that reinforce the course content***
- ✓ ***You must take the Course Pre-Test, each unit quiz (score at least 90% in no more than three attempts), and the Course Post-Test (score at least 85% in no more than three attempts) to receive credit for the course***
- ✓ ***You must complete the course evaluation***
- ✓ ***If you have questions or problems, please email customer service at help@teacherceutoolbox.com***