Ohio’s Environmental Education Certification Program

Training will occur in a summer workshop format. **Space is limited.** Outdoor educational components include but are not limited to forest, stream, and lake environments. Training in the following areas will need to be completed to meet certification requirements:

- Foundations of Environmental Education
- Knowledge of Environmental Process and Systems
- Personal and Civic Responsibility
- Planning and Implementing Environmental Ed.
- Fostering Learning
- Assessment and Evaluation

**For more information and the application:**

Ohio’s EE Certification program is sponsored by EECO. It is a fee-based program that costs $500. That fee includes all instruction, materials, room and board for the workshop, EECO membership, and one-day registration for EECO’s annual conference. It is at the annual conference where certification is awarded, if all the requirements have been met. This certification program is based on NAAEE’s national competencies for an Environmental Educator. The ability to earn two graduate credits through Kent State University, allows formal educators the opportunity to gain professional development in a way that is recognized by the Ohio Department of Education. We also have a partnership with Miami University that allows their undergraduates to achieve EE certification.

Ohio welcomes out of state individuals who are looking for an EE certification program that meets their needs, please explore the EE Certification page on EECO’s website.

**Why should you become a Certified Environmental Educator?**

A certification in Environmental Education will distinguish you from other job seekers in your field. You will obtain the skills and knowledge that lend credibility to your field. You’ll also be on the path to become a leader in Environmental Education in Ohio.

“Lots of resources and contacts made!! Awesome experience!! Just plain fun and enjoyable way to learn something new!!” - Ann Hawk, 2018 class