

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION
PARKS AND CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



DELIVERY METHOD
100% online

START TERMS
Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer

COMPLETION TIME
2 years (full-time)
3-4 years (part-time)

NUMBER OF CREDITS
30 credits



SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
of Higher Education

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The world is your classroom as an environmental educator. Whether you are a classroom teacher looking for an exciting way to motivate your students or an educator working in a park, nature/ environmental center, or other educational setting, the Master of Education degree is designed primarily for:

- Park Naturalists/Interpreters
- Non-formal educators
- Classroom teachers

Individuals with and without teaching credentials should enroll in this program if they have a strong interest in curriculum development and environmental education program planning for formal and non-formal educational settings.

The graduate program in environmental education is structured to provide both depth and breadth in a variety of relevant basic and advanced study opportunities. Emphasis is placed on:

- Environmental education philosophy
 - Methodology
 - Professional growth and development
 - Assessment and evaluation
 - Content necessary for preparing an environmentally literate citizenry
- Environmental literacy
 - Planning and implementing environmental ed
 - Foundations of environmental education
 - Fostering learning and promoting inclusivity

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SRU's Master of Education in Environmental Education program offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule with classes taught 100% online
- Classes to meet the time constraints of teachers in the classroom by scheduling one course each fall and spring and two each summer over a two-year rotation
- A 30-credit hour program that can be completed in two calendar years
- Coursework that focuses on theory, practice, and application in environmental and outdoor education
- Courses taught by University faculty with extensive experience in environmental education
- Internships can be attempted after completing at least 18 credits in the program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is open to anyone who meets the general admissions requirements for graduate study at Slippery Rock University with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Personal Statement of Personal/Professional Career Goals

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

Some states, including Pennsylvania, offer certification through the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). While certification is not required; it can advance your career. In Pennsylvania, the requirements include, but are not limited to: a passing score on the Environmental Literacy Test, work portfolio, and attendance at an EE Certification Workshop. Requirements vary by state, so please visit the NAAEE state affiliate where you are employed.

ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University's master's program in environmental education is among a small number of colleges and universities in North America accredited by the North American Association of Environmental Education. NAAEE accreditation provides third-party, standards-based recognition of quality higher education programs that engage in the preparation and professional development of environmental educators. For accreditation to be awarded, a panel of NAAEE-trained environmental education professionals reviewed and approved a self-study audit submitted by applying institutions.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

PCRM 616	Aquatic Systems	3
PCRM 617	Terrestrial Systems	3
PCRM 618	Wildlife Education	3
PCRM 655	Social Science Research Methods in Conservation	3
PCRM 656	Environmental Issues	3
PCRM 657	Environmental Grant Writing	3
PCRM 658	Environmental Education	3
PCRM 750	Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education Internship	6
Select a Free Elective		3
Total Hours		30

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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Major Code: 9626

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

TESTIMONIALS

"After years as a Laboratory Coordinator at a college, I am now an adjunct Biology instructor as well. I feel like the M.Ed. in Environmental Education gave me the confidence and knowledge to be that environmental educator for incoming freshmen." Pam Borowski, SRU Graduate '18

"The Environmental Education master's program at SRU enabled me to become a more successful educator and natural resource manager. As a district ranger for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the skills and techniques I learned at SRU have made me a better natural resource steward and given me the confidence to create and implement successful EE programs! Without this program, I don't believe I would have procured this dream position for the BLM." Sarah Elysse Schapira, SRU Graduate '18

"I was already working the EE field when I entered this master's degree. The program content enhanced my current knowledge, introduced new ideas and concepts, and offered a variety of learning experiences...all while providing a flexible schedule so I could complete my studies and maintain a full-time job." Kristin Black, SRU Graduate '18

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