



# Environmental & Sustainability Education

## *National E-Course*

Interested in how new educators can contribute to an equitable, just and sustainable future? Want to learn practical ways to inspire connections to nature, ecojustice & sustainability? Join students from teacher education programs across Canada to explore the principles & practices of **Environmental & Sustainability Education (ESE)** in this national E-course. Learn from ESE experts, connect with educators engaged in ESE, and enhance your journey into teaching!

**Overview:** This non-credit course is open to post-secondary students learning to be K-12 teachers & Early Childhood Educators who are registered in Canadian teacher education programs in 2022-23. This course is led by [ESE experts](#) from across Canada, and sponsored by [EECOM](#), Canada's only national Environment Education network. It is offered online through synchronous and asynchronous learning. A certificate & EECOM membership is awarded to those who successfully complete the course.

**Course Details and Meeting Dates:** Check out the [FAQ](#)  
**Registration** opens Sept. 6 and ends Sept. 19, 2022. [Register here](#)

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# Environmental & Sustainability Education *E-Course Info*

**Who can register:** Post-secondary students registered in Canadian teacher education programs in 2022-23 and studying to be K-12 teachers or Early Childhood Educators. Registration opens September 6, 2022. [Register here for this course](#); enrollment deadline is September 19, 2022.

**Cost:** The course fee is \$75 (contact us if this fee is a barrier to participation.) A limited number of reduced fee registrations are available for students who identify as Indigenous, Black or of colour.

**Who is leading this course?** [ESE experts](#) from faculties of education and ESE community organizations across Canada, by [EECOM](#), Canada's national Environment Education network.

## **What's involved?**

- Interactive learning & networking with student teachers & ESE experts from across Canada
- 7-8 digital class meetings with follow-up learning tasks (Sat. afternoons or Wed. evenings)
- EECOM Course Certificate and membership awarded upon course completion

## **When does the course run?**

- the Saturday section has one monthly class meeting from September to April (1:30-3pmET)
- the Wednesday section has two meetings per month from September to December (7-9pmET)

**How is the E-Course structured?** Each module will be led by an ESE expert in a 1.5-2-hour meetings on Zoom; interactive sessions will include talks, whole class and small group discussions, learning activities and sharing of relevant resources. Introductions to concepts will be balanced with practical teaching strategies. Guest speakers will join in some sessions. Themes of the modules include: Foundations of ESE; Nature-based Learning & Ecosystems thinking; Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Two-eyed Seeing; ESE Inquiry and Place-based Learning; Equity, Inclusion & EcoJustice in ESE; ESE Practice & Pedagogy in K-12 Education; Action & Agency in ESE

## **What will students learn in this course?**

- the importance and urgency of ESE in creating an equitable & sustainable future
- the centrality of nature, place and community in ESE
- ESE pedagogy & practices in K-12 school and community contexts
- ways to foster ESE leadership skills & activism in school and community settings
- connections to local and national ESE networks to support your career in education

**Questions?** Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) page](#) or contact program coordinator Dr. Erin Sperling [erin.sperling@utoronto.ca](mailto:erin.sperling@utoronto.ca)