



Department of Teaching and Learning

Master's Degree (M.Ed.) in Environmental Education

Information Sheet

The Master's Degree in Environmental Education is open to students who have completed bachelor's degrees in all majors. This unique degree is offered through the College of Education, Department of Teaching and Learning in collaboration with the FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, a 135-acre living laboratory and preserve. The Pine Jog Center offers Graduate Assistantships that apply academic theory to practical experiences, and includes numerous programs including work with local scientists, district green schools, and the environmentally-themed Pine Jog Elementary School on the property. For additional information, see <http://www.pinejog.fau.edu/student-programs/masters-degree.php> or contact the program coordinator Dr. Bryan Nichols at nicholsb@fau.edu.

Interested students will soon be able to take most of the required courses online, so the degree will be achievable with a single winter in southeast Florida. Take SCE 6345 Perspectives in the fall (evenings) to meet and interact with professors and other students in your cohort, and then SCE 6344 Advanced Methods in the spring (select Saturdays), which involves visiting a range of our sub-tropical environmental education sites, including parks, beaches, and nature centers. Students who prefer in-person courses can choose them for electives, and for required course sections when available.

Advisement: An advisor will be assigned upon acceptance to the program. The Program of Study will be planned together with your advisor on the forms available through the Graduate College.

Degree Program Summary (36 credits total)

Core Environmental Education Courses (12 credits 4 courses)

- SCE 6345 Perspectives of Environmental Education (1st course, evenings, open to all graduate majors)
- SCE 6344 Advanced Methods of Environmental Education (2nd course, Saturday visits to area EE providers, prerequisite SCE 6345)
- SCE 6644 Trends and Issues in Environmental Education (3rd course, prerequisite SCE 6344, pre or co-requisite EDF 6481 or EDG 6285)
- SCE 6196 Capstone Study in Environmental Education (4th course, permission required)

College of Education Courses (12 credits 4 courses)

- STA 6113 Educational Statistics (concepts and techniques necessary to carry out research)
- EDF 6481 Educational Research (locate, analyze and evaluate research, pre or co-requisite STA 6113)
- EDG 6285 Program Evaluation (surveys strategies, analyzes literature, and examines trends, 3rd course)
- EDF 6800 Foundations of Global Education (international responses to issues in curriculum) or EDG 6625 Global Perspectives of Curricular Trends (compares international education systems)

Enhance Your Career - choose from a university-wide range of electives (12 credits 4 courses)

- Classroom teachers have the opportunity to pursue advanced study in their areas of specialization, join the green schools movement, or explore environmental education's multidisciplinary content.

- Prospective environmental professionals have the opportunity to prepare for hundreds of exciting environmentally related careers as center, camp, conservation, and sustainable planning educators and administrators in urban and rural, government and business, public and private settings.

All electives should be pre-approved by your academic advisor. Up to six credits (two courses) of upper-level undergraduate courses may be chosen as electives if approved.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the **Master's Degree in Environmental Education** program requires submission of the graduate application form. Information pertaining to the application process is available at www.fau.edu/graduate. You must complete the actual graduate application online. In addition, in order to be considered for the Degree Program, you **must** submit all of the following documentation to Florida Atlantic University.

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate coursework.
2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

The admission decision is based on one of the following:

- A grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working for a baccalaureate degree (within the last 60 semester hours).
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test score of 154 (verbal) and 144 (quantitative). GRE scores must not be more than 5 years old (unless age of score is waived by petition submitted with application);
- International Students may need TOEFL score of 500 or IBT score of 61 and an International Program Evaluation.
- A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Information

- Security clearance may be required after acceptance into the program (www.coe.fau.edu/oass/faq.htm) to work with green schools.

Note: All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalog from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.

Once admitted into the master's degree program, you **must**:

- Register for at least one course in the semester to which you are admitted.

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