

St. F.X. Certificate in Outdoor Education 2013-2016

St. FX Faculty of Education will be offering a Certificate in Outdoor Education (COE) beginning in September 2013, with the expected completion date to be Winter 2016. The Faculty of Education of St. Francis Xavier University has a long-standing commitment to the province of Nova Scotia in leading physical education, active living, and comprehensive school health initiatives. The Certificate in Outdoor Education is designed for physical education teachers and teachers teaching related subject areas. The complexity of outdoor education involves: skill proficiency for the teacher, current standards associated with particular activities, depth of knowledge required to allow for cross-curricular application, and strategies to allow for inclusion practices. Each instructor in the COE is an expert in his/her particular outdoor area and is qualified in his/her respective field. The COE is designed for physical education teachers to go outdoors and use specialized equipment, and developing specific skill sets, not typically a part of physical education programs. Each module is unique in the skill levels, knowledge, and safety required ensuring a positive experience. StFXU has developed inclusionary strategies for each module, along with grade specific assessment strategies connected to the specific outcomes. This Certificate in Outdoor Education is approved by the Department of Education and teachers who wish to enroll in the program must have pre-approval from the Department of Education for a license upgrade. If numbers warrant this program will be offered as an off campus program throughout the province of Nova Scotia as outlined below to cohorts of up to 20 individuals. Pending Department of Education approval for individuals, this program would increase a teaching license one level. (For example from a TC-5 to a TC-6.) Program Length: 30 credit hours (10 three-credit courses)

Course	Date
Core Camping	Fall 2013 September
Canadian Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid—Advanced	Winter 2014 February
Wilderness Navigation GPS and Orienteering	Spring 2014 April
Kayaking	Summer 2014 July
Canoeing	Fall 2014 September
Nordic Skiing and Snowshoeing	Winter 2015 February
Environmental Interpretation	Spring 2015 July
Leadership-Cooperative Games	Summer 2015 June
Mountain Biking	Fall 2015 November
Archery	Winter 2016 February

Teachers will be encouraged to use equipment with which they are familiar, but all necessary equipment will be provided. Canoe Tripping and Backpacking Expeditions are offered as enrichment opportunities during the Fall 2014/15. Course substitutions can occur if a number of teachers in a cohort have already completed one of these core courses. If you are interested in enrolling in the StFX Certificate in Outdoor Education please return this Expression of Interest Form by July 1st 2013 to the email, fax, or address below:

Full Name	
Email address	
Phone number home/cell	
Mailing Address	
Years of Experience/Present School	
Year of B Ed	
Present License Level (eg. TC5)	

Send expression of interest to:

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