



APPLICATION

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Pilot Program Due Date: August 15, 2015

Regular Program Due Date: April 15 (starting in 2016)

The **New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program** establishes high standards for the professional qualifications of environmental educators in New Mexico. The New Mexico environmental education certification has been developed by the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico (EEANM) based on competencies developed by the North American Association for Environmental Education.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work/Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Position Title _____ Employer _____

Type of educator (Circle one):

Formal Informal Non-Educator Student Other: _____

Have you completed EE Certification in any other states? Yes No

If yes, which state(s)? _____

Please provide at least 3 references:

Name	Email	Phone	Position	Relationship

Overview of Experience

EE Certification candidates will develop portfolios to demonstrate their competency in the six themes outlined in the [NAAEE Core Competencies](#).

Purpose: This checklist is designed to help you identify professional strengths and limitations in EE, and it will help you decide what areas you need to focus on.

Directions:

1. Assess your current level of experience (and evidence to demonstrate) competency in these areas.
0 = no evidence, 1 = limited; 2 = moderate; 3 = strong
2. Use Step 1 results to summarize any gaps in your professional background.

Themes and Sets of Competences

Step 1: Assessment of Experience and Evidence

0 = no evidence 1 = limited 2 = moderate 3 = strong

Theme 1: Environmental Literacy

1.1 Questioning and Analysis Skills	0	1	2	3
1.2 Knowledge of NM Environmental Processes and Systems	0	1	2	3
1.3 Understanding and Addressing Environmental Issues	0	1	2	3
1.4 Personal and Civic Responsibility	0	1	2	3

Theme 2: Foundations of EE

2.1 Fundamental Characteristics of EE	0	1	2	3
2.2 How EE is Implemented	0	1	2	3
2.3 Evolution of the Field	0	1	2	3

Theme 3: Professional Responsibilities

3.1 Exemplary EE Practice	0	1	2	3
3.2 Emphasis on Education, Not Advocacy	0	1	2	3
3.3 Ongoing Learning/Professional Development	0	1	2	3

Theme 4: Planning and Implementing EE

4.1 Knowledge of Learners	0	1	2	3
4.2 Knowledge of Instructional Methodologies	0	1	2	3
4.3 Planning for Instruction	0	1	2	3
4.4 Community Partnership Project	0	1	2	3
4.5 Knowledge of EE Materials and Resources	0	1	2	3
4.6 Technologies that Assist Learning	0	1	2	3
4.7 Settings for Instruction	0	1	2	3
4.8 Curriculum Planning	0	1	2	3

Theme 5: Fostering Learning

5.1 A Climate for Learning About and Exploring the Environment	0	1	2	3
5.2 An Inclusive and Collaborative Learning Environment	0	1	2	3
5.3 Flexible and Responsive Instruction	0	1	2	3

Theme 6: Assessment and Evaluation

6.1 Learning Outcomes	0	1	2	3
6.2 Assessment as Part of Instruction	0	1	2	3
6.3 Improving Instruction	0	1	2	3
6.4 Evaluating Programs	0	1	2	3

Step 2: Gaps in Professional Knowledge

Please refer to Themes (by title) and Sets of Competencies (by numerical code) as you prepare your summary in the space below. This will help you to create a professional development plan to address these areas.

Would you like an advisor to offer guidance in building your professional development plan? Yes No

If yes, what are your expectations of the services an advisor can offer? (Examples include: phone/e-mail meetings, in person meetings, connections to local activities to build experience)

Fees

Upon submitting this application and a non-refundable \$20 (EEANM member) or \$30 (non-member) application fee, EEANM will review your materials and place you with an advisor (optional, but recommended) who will assist you with the self-assessment and help you create a professional development plan to meet the requirements of the certification.

The remaining \$180 (member) or \$200 (non-member) certification fee shall be submitted upon approval of this application.

Agreement

I have reviewed the Self-Assessment and understand that if accepted into the program, I will complete the Self-Assessment and commit to professional development in areas of deficit.

I further attest that the information provided in this application form, together with all attached documents, is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that the certification process takes a year on average.

Upon completion of this certification, I agree to commit to serve as an advisor to another applicant or a member of the New Mexico EE Certification Program Advisory Committee (NMEEPAC).

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