

Rhode Island College Presents: The Teaching and Practice of Environmental Sustainability for K-12 Educators

There is a greater awareness than ever before among policy makers, business people, and community leaders of the need for sustainable living, and this message is being embraced by a growing number of Americans.

Recent information from the Rhode Island Environmental Education Association argues that *Environmental Education* has been shown to contribute to overall academic achievement. In one study of 40 schools, 92 percent of students who were taught using the environment as the integrating context academically outperformed their peers in traditional programs.

What can educators expect to learn?

This course will:

- explore a selection of the classics of environmental literature,
- discuss and debate the concept, in theory and practice, of sustainable living from a range of perspectives,
- examine arguments pro and con for moving towards more sustainable patterns of economy and socio-cultural values,
- demonstrate examples of effective lesson plans and activities on sustainability.

Teachers will be challenged to draw from their own expertise, using their content knowledge and classroom experience to design innovative units that integrate the lessons of sustainability in ways that will inspire students. Further, they will be asked to consider ways they can advocate, in their schools and districts, and among colleagues, students and the larger school community, for moving towards a greater emphasis on sustainability as a teaching and learning priority.

Course Title: *The Teaching and Practice of Environmental Sustainability*

Course Disc/Nbr/Sec: CURR 580C-81/ **Course Call #:** 12122

Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours

Instructor: Mark DeMoranville

Start Date: September 27, 2010 — 15 Week Course

Course Fee: \$450.

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“All education is environmental education. By what is included or excluded we teach students that they are part of or apart from the natural world.”

– David Orr

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Registrants will be asked to provide information needed to establish or update their RIC account and to be registered for this course.

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