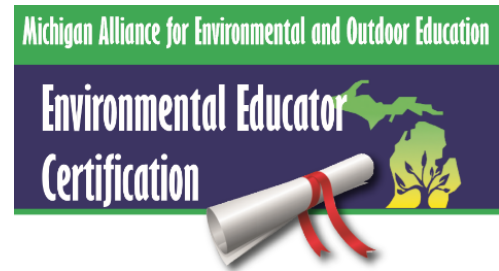


The EEC !



MAEOE's Environmental Educator Certification (EEC) program allows new educators and career professionals the opportunity to develop professional credentials and pursue career goals. The certification program sets specific standards of knowledge, skills, and experience that all highly qualified environmental educators in Michigan should be able to demonstrate.

Which Program is Right for You?

MAEOE offers two certification options. The original program is now referred to as the EEC-Professional (or EEC-P), whereas the new certification track is called the EEC-Associate (EEC-A). Earning the EEC-P demonstrates that you are a highly competent environmental educator who has the capacity for creating, implementing, and evaluating EE initiatives to evoke positive social-ecological change. The EEC-P is recognized by NAAEE and the only certification in the state eligible for their accreditation.

Earning the EEC-A demonstrates an understanding of EE and a commitment toward restoring and protecting your local environment. This program option is for those people who are passionate about EE and emphasizes learning its fundamentals and participating in environmental teaching and stewardship opportunities.

Compare MAEOE's certification programs on the back of this page. The complete program documents are found on the MAEOE website (maeoe.com/get-certified).


Track Your Accomplishments

Work you have completed within five years from when you want to earn either EEC credential is valid as long as it aligns with MAEOE's requirements and is approved by the coordinator. What have you done so far? Refer to the chart on the back for reference.

| Requirements | Accomplishments/Goals |
|---|-----------------------|
| Strand 1 – Workshop & Online Discussions | |
| Strand 2 – EE Workshops (2); Lesson Planning | |
| Service Hours – Environmental Stewardship & Education | |
| Strand 3 – Informational Paper | |
| Strand 4 – Action Project | |
| Strand 5 – Capstone (within 5 years from Strand 1) | |

For more information, feel free to contact the EEC Coordinator at EECmaeoe@gmail.com.

Comparison of the EEC Programs

|  | EEC-Associate (EEC-A) | EEC-Professional (EEC-P) |
|---|---|--|
| Strand 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-hr workshop (in-person, online, or hybrid; offered 1-3 times per year) • Online discussion & reflection requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-hr workshop (in-person, online, or hybrid; offered 1-3 times per year) • Online discussion & reflection requirements |
| Strand 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 EE workshops • 1 lesson plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 EE workshops • 1 lesson plan • Implement, assess, reflect on lesson |
| Service Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 hours (environmental stewardship & education design, planning, support efforts) • Reflection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A |
| Strand 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Informational Paper |
| Strand 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Project |
| Strand 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation at MAEOE Conference |
| Fee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150 |
| Time Frame | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years |
| Recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged at MAEOE Conference Awards Ceremony | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present certification at MAEOE Conference Awards Ceremony • Acknowledged on MAEOE website • NAAEE Recognized/Accredited • Eligible for EEC Committee service • 1-year MAEOE membership |
| Recertification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAEOE member, 15 hours professional development, 15 hours EE stewardship service (for the environment or in education), \$20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAEOE member, evaluations, EEC service, 30 hours professional development, MAEOEgram article, MAEOE Conference presentation, \$35 |

