

Master of Science

Outdoor & Environmental Education



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Your master's degree in Outdoor and Environmental Education (MSOEE) from Alaska Pacific University signals a commitment to the natural world and its power to help people flourish. It's also a sign that you love a challenge.

– Steve Rubinstein, MSOEE Program Director



Combine your love of the outdoors **and passion for teaching.**

The Master of Science in Outdoor & Environmental Education (MSOEE) is a hands-on, place-based 2-year learning experience that will prepare you for many interdisciplinary career fields involving outdoor education. Combining theory and practice, you will have a chance to design and deliver outdoor learning programs to children of Kellogg F.I.E.L.D. School on the beautiful Kellogg Campus.

The program provides graduate students training in outdoor and environmental education literacy, pedagogy, and programming using APU's active learning model. Students finish their degree by completing either a research or project-based thesis.

Student areas of focus have included Environmentally Responsible Behavior, School & Community Gardens, Place Attachment, and Place-Based Learning & Curriculum Development.





**Earn your degree
where farm, forests
and mountains are
your classroom.**

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At Alaska Pacific University, the OEE home base is an 800-acre working farm that doubles as an active learning laboratory where students can design and deliver environmental learning programs year-round. Kellogg Campus, just 45 minutes northeast of APU's main campus, encompasses open fields, northern forest, spring fens, and winding trails; pristine terrain waiting to be explored and interpreted by educators like you.

If you choose, participate in a community-supported agriculture project for a hands-on (and hands-dirty) education in sustainable farming. Challenge yourself to research Alaska-based issues familiar to OEE professionals worldwide, including the values of wilderness education and place-based learning, alternative curriculum implementation, or land-use conflicts.

You'll join our intentionally small cohorts for learning that may occur around the farmhouse fireplace, in the yurt, at the interactive children's garden, and in any outdoor space. Surrounding it all: Glacier-covered peaks that you can explore by joining APU-sponsored travel courses. Combining your love of the outdoors with a desire to educate others, your MSOEE degree readies you for careers that bring science to the public and students to the outdoors. Consider career opportunities with government agencies, national or state parks, municipal youth programs, Farm-to-School projects, and outreach agencies, among many more.



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MSOEE Required Courses

Minimum Graduation Credit Hour Requirement: 36

- OEE 60100 - Thesis Seminar I (1)
- OEE 60300 - Research Methods in Outdoor and Environmental Education (3)
- OEE 60500 - Outdoor and Environmental Education Literacy (3)
- OEE 60700 - Teaching Methods for Outdoor and Environmental Education (3)
- OEE 61100 - Curriculum Design for Experiential Educators (3)
- OEE 61300 - Learning Theory in Outdoor Education (3)
- OEE 61500 - Power of Place in Education (3)
- OEE 67500 - Thesis Seminar II (1)
- OEE 68500 - Practicum (1-3) (3 credits required)
- Electives (9) (to include two graduate courses in science; upperdivision undergraduate courses may be approved by the program director)
- Thesis Research/Professional Project (4)

MSOEE Plus Teacher Education K-8 Certificate

Minimum Graduation Credit Hour Requirement: 45

Required MSOEE Courses (18 credits)

- OEE 60300 - Research Methods in Outdoor and Environmental Education (3)
- OEE 60500 - Outdoor and Environmental Education Literacy (3) (cross-listed with ED 60500 for CO-OP)
- OEE 60700 - Teaching Methods for Outdoor and Environmental Education (3) (will substitute for ED 67600 - Partnerships & Stakeholder Accountability)
- OEE 61100 - Curriculum Design for Experiential Educators (3)
- OEE 61300 - Learning Theory in Outdoor Education (3)
- OEE 61500 - Power of Place in Education (3)

Required ED Courses (27 credits)

- ED 61100 - Early Literacy (3)
- ED 61600 - Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: K-6 Elementary (3)
- ED 61700 - Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: 6-8 Middle School (3)
- ED 67800 - Differentiating Responses to Instruction, Theory, Practice & Assessment (3)
- ED 68600 - Internship in Student Teaching (9)
- Plus 2 state-mandated requirements that students can take at APU or elsewhere:
 - Alaska Studies (3)
 - Multicultural Ed (3)

APU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities. APU is an EO/AA institution.

*Applicants should consult the APU catalog for more specific information regarding coursework and K-8 application requirements.

Career Outcomes

MSOEE graduates continue to careers in public or private agencies. Graduates form a network that spans Alaska and beyond. Including:
National Park Rangers
Outdoor Education College Faculty
University Outdoor Program Directors
State Agency Education Directors and Curriculum Designers

MSOEE Admissions Process

Complete online application:
www.alaskapacific.edu/apply

Submit MSOEE admissions documents:

3 Letters of Recommendation (dated within the last 6 months)
Current Resume or CV
570-1000 word statement of interest
Official GRE Test Scores*
Official Transcripts

*The GRE requirement is waived for the 2024-2025 Academic year

Send all documents to:

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Anchorage, AK 99508
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Questions?



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Application Deadlines

Fall Semester:

February 15 (Priority)/August 1 (Final)