

Certification Program

Information Session

Who can get certified?



Classroom Educators
(formal)



Outreach Educators
(Nonformal)



New to the field

Who can join?

- Educator needing environmental science experience
- Scientist requiring education experience
- New to the field entirely
- Recent graduate
- Seasoned educator seeking professional development



What does Certification with VAAEE Bring to the Table?

North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Standards

Application of current research and best practices

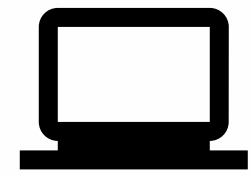
Environmental Justice

Networking

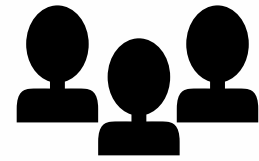
Direct application to your practice

Designed for Virginia educators

How is it Structured?



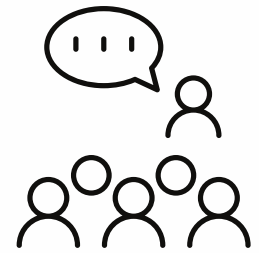
Asynchronous online work



Workshops



Self-directed learning



Teaching and observing



Online course with discussions



Community partnership project

Criteria

1

- **The Basics of Environmental Education**
- **Asynchronous**
- **Online assignments**
- **Complete within first year of program**

Criteria

2

- **Guidelines for Excellence: Professional Development of Environmental Educators**

Goal - complete within the first year

Offered online or at Annual Conference

Open to all environmental educators

- **Methods of Teaching Environmental Education**

Goal - complete within the first year

Hybrid workshop (2 virtual sessions, one in-person day)

Must complete Criteria 1 prior to attending

Criteria

2.1

Guidelines for Excellence: Professional Development of Environmental Educators

Thursday, February 22, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

In-person at the VAEE Annual Conference in Manassas

\$79 includes lunch, dinner, and evening activities

September 3 and 5, 2024, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Virtual

\$60

Criteria

2.2

Methods of Teaching Environmental Education

Wednesdays, March 6 *and* 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

In-person session will take place at Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center in Fairfax County.

Monday & Wednesday, Sept. 9 & 11, 6:00-9:00 pm

Virtual

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

In-person session will take place in Richmond, VA.

*Expect two hours of both Pre-work and In-Between Work

Criteria

3

- **Self-directed learning**
- **Attend workshops, lectures**
- **Virginia travel to EE hotspots**
- **Addressing gaps in learning**

Criteria

4

- **Lesson Planning**
- **Teaching**
- **Observing**
- **Applying best practices**

Criteria

5

- **Environmental Literacy online course**
- **Environmental Science and Systems Thinking**
- **Virginia focus**
- **Strong, current environmental justice focus**

Criteria

5

Environmental Literacy online course

September 24 - November 19, 2024

Virtual class meetings:

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

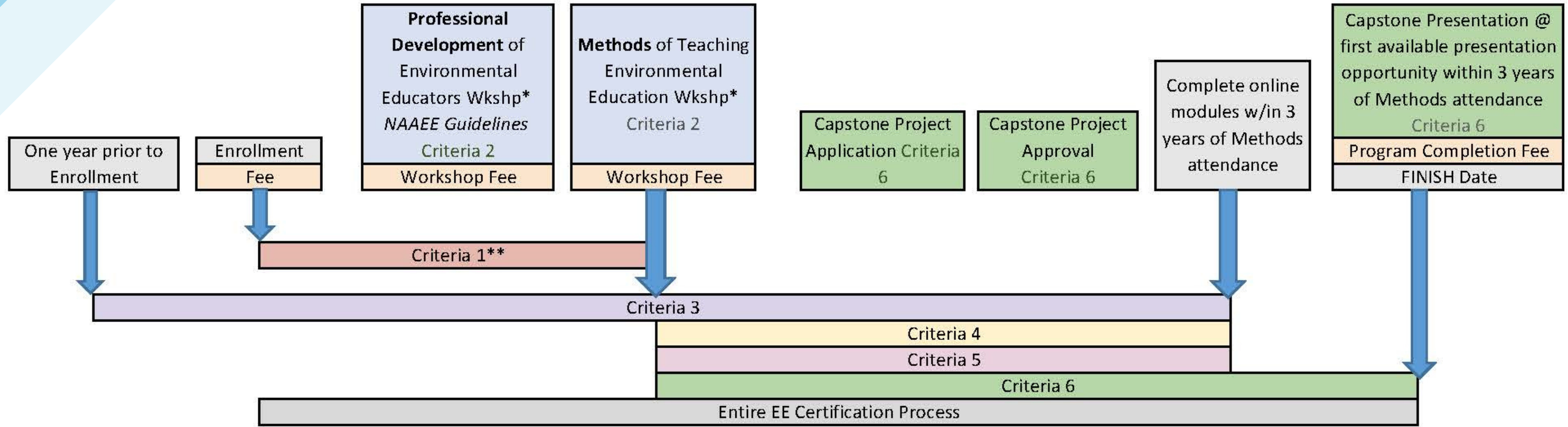
Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Criteria

6

- **Community Partnership Capstone Project**
- **Addressing a need**
- **Learning into practice**
- **Additionality**



* The Professional Development Workshop is the prerequisite to the Methods Workshop.

**It is recommended that candidates complete Criteria 1 before the Professional Development Workshop. It is required to complete Criteria 1 before the Methods Workshop.

EE Certification Completion Timeline

WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR

- Criteria 1: Complete*
- Criteria 2: Attend both workshops**
- Criteria 3: Available - begin working on this at any time

WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

- Criteria 3: Continue
- Criteria 4 and 5: Acquire access after 'Methods' workshop
- Criteria 6: Capstone Project Application and Approval

DUE WITHIN THREE YEARS OF METHODS WORKSHOP

- Criteria 3, 4, and 5
- Criteria 6 implementation

OFFICIAL END OF THE PROGRAM

- Criteria 6: Capstone Presentation
- Program Completion **

Current Pricing

Registration and Enrollment: **\$50**

Required workshop/course attendance:

- “Professional Development of Environmental Educators” Guidelines workshop **\$75**
- “Methods of Teaching Environmental Education” workshop **\$135**
- Environmental Literacy online course **\$150**

Program Completion Fee: **\$50**

TOTAL required fees: \$460



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Additional Important Dates

Enrollment Periods

January 1-19, 2024

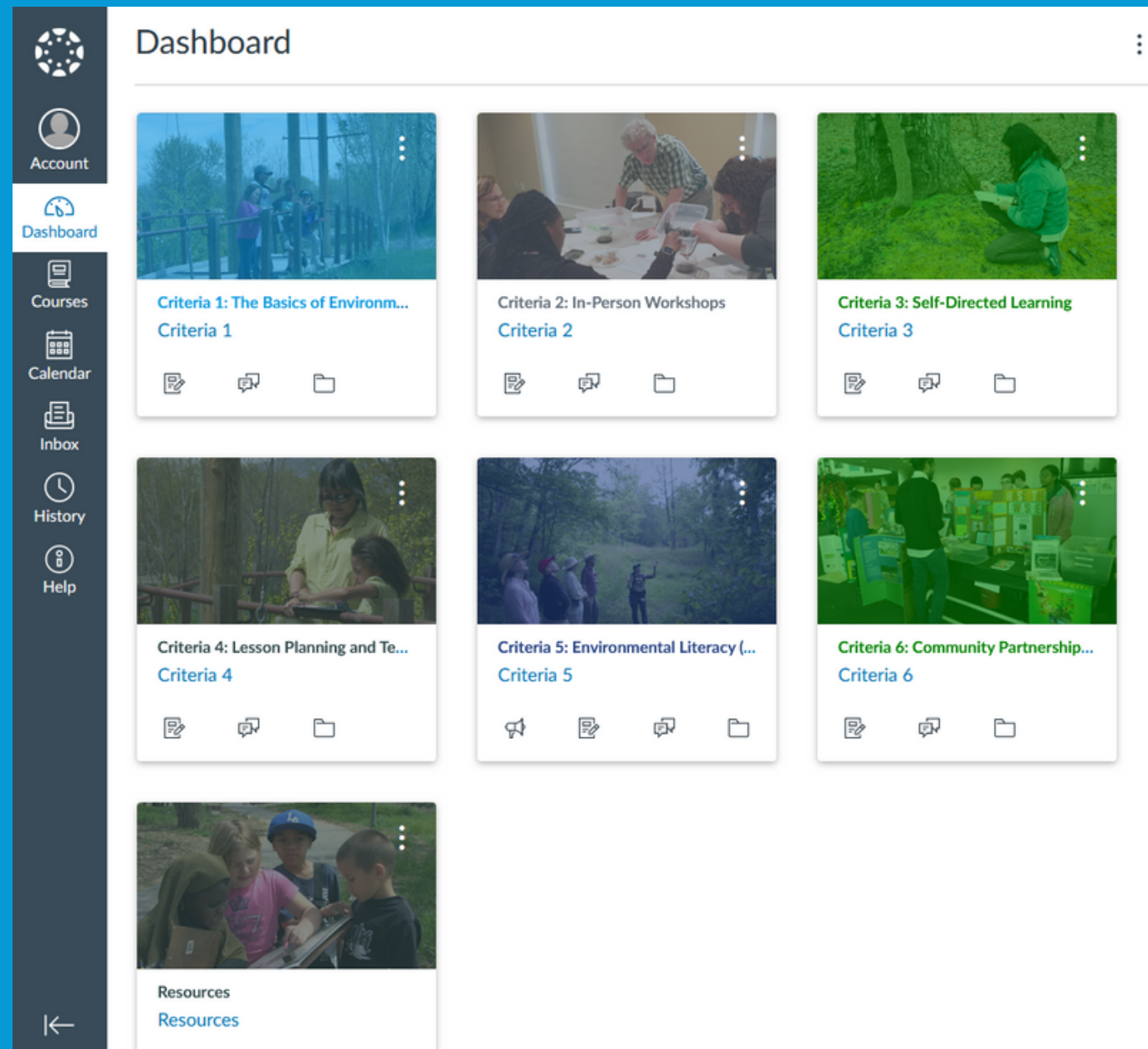
August 5 - 27, 2024

Required Orientation

January 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

OR

January 24, 12:00 - 1:00 pm



Let's take a look

Canvas - Website - Resources

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**Thank you for viewing.
Please reach out with any questions.**



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