

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS TEACHER CERTIFICATION

# PROGRAM CATALOG



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Welcome to the Outdoor Classroom Teacher Certification Program! This comprehensive program will guide you through the steps to achieve your certification, showcase the unique features we offer, and provide an overview of each course. Discover how our expert-led curriculum can enhance your outdoor teaching practices, and join our supportive community of educators. Dive in and embark on this exciting journey!

# Outdoor Classroom Teacher Certification Program

## 3 Steps to Certification

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Begin with a 1-1 Onboarding Call with Victoria Hackett, M.Ed.

*Founder of Outdoor-Classrooms*

### Step 1: Outdoor Teaching Bootcamp

Kickstart your certification with our *Outdoor Teaching Bootcamp*. This foundational course is designed to immerse you in the principles and practices of outdoor education using the *Five Phases of Teaching Outdoors*. Over the course of immersive sessions, you'll gain:

- assessment tools
- hands-on experience
- practical strategies
- innovative ideas

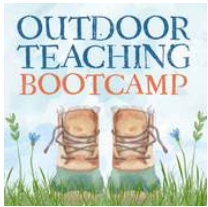
to create dynamic and engaging outdoor classrooms. Whether you're new to outdoor teaching or looking to refine your skills, this bootcamp sets the stage for your journey toward becoming a certified Outdoor Classroom Teacher.

### Step 2: Explore Nature Seasonal Masterclass Bundle

Embark on a seasonal exploration with our masterclass bundle, designed to immerse educators in the rich, ever-changing tapestry of the outdoor classroom. Across a four seasons, you'll gain practical insights and hands-on experience with nature-based teaching methods. Each season brings unique, engaging activities that highlight the diversity and beauty of the natural world, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to inspire your students to connect deeply with their environment.

### Step 3: Teaching Beyond Walls Capstone Course

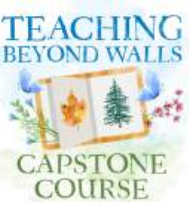
In the final step of your certification journey, the *Teaching Beyond Walls* Capstone Course empowers you to integrate and apply your learning in innovative ways. This course focuses on creating impactful, long-term outdoor classroom projects that transcend traditional teaching environments. You will develop and present a capstone project that demonstrates your ability to foster environmental stewardship and experiential learning, all while effectively utilizing the outdoor classroom as a dynamic educational space.



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# Why Our Program?

Our program stands out because it provides a clear, structured approach through a unique 3-step process, ensuring educators can effectively navigate and excel in outdoor teaching.

Our program's distinctive quality lies in its comprehensive approach, beginning with our foundational course, the **Outdoor Classroom Bootcamp**. Here, educators are introduced to the *5 Phases of Teaching Outdoors*, uniquely equipped with assessment tools that help guide them from their current level to their desired goals.

In our **Explore Nature Seasonal Masterclass Bundle**, educators embark on an in-depth exploration of nature-based curricula, centered around the concept of *Four Types of Teaching Gardens*. This approach provides a holistic perspective on utilizing outdoor spaces and equips educators with the tools to convert these areas into functional outdoor classrooms—all without the need for a landscape designer.

Our **Teaching Beyond Walls** course further distinguishes our program with the Four Capstone Pillars by transitioning educators into creating their own nature-based teaching pedagogy. This element fosters a supportive environment that empowers educators to become leaders and advocates on their educational journeys.

- **Expert Instruction:** Learn from leading experts in outdoor education with years of experience.
- **Practical Application:** Hands-on activities and real-life examples to apply what you learn immediately.
- **Flexible Learning:** Access the program content at your own pace, with support available whenever you need it.



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# What Makes Us Unique?

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What sets our *Outdoor Classroom Teacher Certification Program* apart is the incredible sense of community we've built with educators from all over the world. Our uniqueness lies in the rich tapestry of shared knowledge and experiences, making our network not just a support system, but a nature family where every educator's insights and practices enrich the learning journey for all. Additionally, we creatively integrate playful learning and an emergent curriculum, ensuring that outdoor education is dynamic, responsive, and child-centered. This approach allows educators to adapt to the interests and needs of their students, fostering an environment where curiosity thrives and learning is naturally engaging and enjoyable.

- **Comprehensive Coverage:** Our curriculum covers everything you need to know, from the basics to advanced techniques.
- **Supportive Community:** Join a network of like-minded educators, from all over the world, who share resources, ideas, and support.
- **Membership Benefits:** Access exclusive discounts on courses, special materials, and event participation for CIRCLE members.



# Onboarding Call

The Onboarding Call is an essential component of our **Outdoor Classroom Teacher Certification Program**, setting the stage for a successful and enriching journey. This initial conversation fosters strong, supportive relationships and ensures that each participant starts with a clear understanding of their goals. By discussing aspirations and expectations upfront, we create a foundation of trust and clarity, empowering educators to make the most of their learning experience right from the beginning.

- **Building Connections:** Establish meaningful relationships with fellow educators and program facilitators.
- **Setting Goals:** Discuss individual goals and aspirations to tailor the program experience to your needs.
- **Program Overview:** Gain a clear understanding of the program structure, resources, and support available.
- **Addressing Questions:** Provide a space to ask any initial questions and clear up uncertainties.
- **Creating a Supportive Environment:** Foster a sense of community and collaboration from the very beginning.

# LIVE Sessions

## ...plus additional “Drop In’s” for Capstone

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Each course in the Outdoor Classrooms Certificate Program offer LIVE Zoom Sessions. Participating in our live sessions is crucial for fostering a strong community spirit, keeping your certification journey on track, and building momentum. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow educators, share experiences, and gain diverse perspectives, enriching your learning experience. Additionally, the regular interaction helps you maintain consistent progress, ensuring you stay aligned with your goals and deadlines. By joining these sessions, you become an active part of the vibrant outdoor classrooms movement, contributing to a collective effort to transform education through nature-based learning. Our Teaching Beyond Walls Capstone Course offers an additional “Drop In” to answer questions.

- **Personalized Guidance:** Receive real-time advice and answers to your specific questions from industry experts.
- **Interactive Learning:** Engage with a supportive community and participate in live discussions to deepen your understanding.
- **Immediate Feedback:** Get instant feedback on your ideas and progress, helping you advance more quickly.



# Your Certification Journey Through the Seasons



# Embark on Your Seasonal Journey to Outdoor Classroom Certification

Chart your path to certification in outdoor classrooms with our structured three-step guide. These courses are thoughtfully scheduled to recur throughout the year, providing you with the flexibility to integrate them seamlessly into your schedule. Please note, course dates may be adjusted as needed. Educators are eligible to enroll in the *Teaching Beyond Walls Capstone* course after completing at least two seasonal masterclasses. However, to earn the full certification, all four seasonal masterclasses must be completed. See website for more details.

## January

Outdoor Teaching Bootcamp (*Step 1*)



## February

Explore Nature in Winter Masterclass (*Step 2-1*)

## March-April

Teaching Beyond Walls Capstone (*Step 3*)



## May

Explore Nature in Spring Masterclass (*Step 2-2*)



## June

Outdoor Teaching Bootcamp (*Step 1*)



## July

Explore Nature in Summer Masterclass (*Step 2-3*)

## August

**PLAY TIME!!!**



## September-October

Teaching Beyond Walls Capstone Course (*Step 3*)



## October

Exploring Nature in Fall Masterclass (*Step 2-4*)



## November-December

Outdoor Teaching Bootcamp (*Step 1*)



## Transform Education with Your Passion for Outdoor Learning!

As a dedicated educator, you have the power to redefine the learning experience. Join us in creating a generation of students inspired by the wonders of the natural world.

### Take the Next Step:

Enroll in our Outdoor Classrooms Teacher Certification program today and lead your students beyond the walls of the classroom into a world of discovery and growth!

