

Thank you for your interest in the **Environmental Education & Communication** graduate certificate. This 11-12 credit certificate addresses issues related to education and communication as they relate to the management of the environment and natural resources. The coursework focuses on education and communication theory and practice.

Environmental Education and Communication Graduate Certificate Requirements (EDC)

- Students must earn a grade of B or better in each course to use it towards the certificate.
- Courses that begin with FNR/FOR are housed by SFFGS and are available online. Courses that begin with other prefixes may have different delivery methods and tuition rates.
- Current UF graduate degree-seeking students must apply for admission in this certificate program before 50% of the credits are earned.

Required Courses (6 credits):

- FOR 6934 Science Communication and Public Education (3 credits, Spring)
- FNR 5072C Environmental Education Program Development (3 credits, Spring)

Electives (choose two courses for 5-6 credits)

- AEC 6552 Evaluating Programs in Extension Education (3 credits, Spring odd years)
- BSC 6038 Broader Impacts of Science on Society (2 credits, Fall)
- FOR 6005 Conservation Behavior (3 credits, Fall even years) **OR** FOR 6934 Conservation Behavior for Practitioners (3 credits, Fall, odd years)
- FOR 6934 Communicating Natural Resource Science with the Public (3 credits, Summer C)
- FYC 6620 Program Planning and Evaluation for Human Service Delivery (3 credits, Spring even years)
- LAS 6291 Communication and Leadership (3 credits, Fall)
- LAS 6291 Facilitation Skills (3 credits, Spring)
- WIS 6934 Stakeholder Engagement in Natural Resources (3 credits, Fall)

Admission:

To apply for admission to a certificate program, visit <https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/certificates> and click **New Student Application** (for new students completing only the certificate) or **Currently Enrolled App** (for current UF graduate degree students who wish to add the certificate). Certificate applications take 2-3 weeks to process through multiple offices. Graduate Certificate applications require an official bachelor's transcript from an accredited institution. There are no requirements for the bachelor's degree to have been in a particular discipline. Please plan on applying at least [one month prior to the start of classes](#) for your intended first term.

Once applications go through the UF Admissions level, they are processed by Sandie Houder at the program level. After admission, Sandie Houder will be your contact for registration and other student support areas.

Delivery:

Courses a part of certificate programs are offered on a semester basis, [following the traditional academic calendar](#). In some courses, you may have more flexibility to work at your own pace, but typically assignments, tests, and other course work do have deadlines. In general, courses do not need

to be taken in a particular order; you are free to plan your program for the Certificate. You can view FOR/FNR course syllabuses on this page: [100% Online Courses for 100% Online Students](#).

Online courses are delivered via Canvas, UF's e-learning course management system. You can access all your courses by logging in to the main site, and this is how you will view your lectures, assignments, tests, and other materials for your courses. Some of our online courses do not use traditional examinations as means to assessing knowledge; rather, they employ involved asynchronous discussion, papers, and other assignments in place of testing. Some courses conduct proctored examinations online.

There are some technical requirements/expectations that you must meet to be successful in our online courses. Requirements will vary with each course, but in general you must have reliable access to a high-speed non-wireless connection, especially for taking exams and quizzes. Most recorded lectures are streamed, not downloaded-- so reliable, fast internet is a requirement for online students. You should have hardware capable of installing the latest version of multiple web browsers, e.g. Chrome and Firefox, as some course content delivery methods work better in different browsers. You should also have access to and familiarity with MS Office Suite, webcams, and microphones. Computer literacy is expected.

Completion:

When your certificate program is complete, your official academic transcript will reflect this graduate certificate and you will receive a printed certificate from University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Students can transfer up to 15 credits of graduate certificate coursework with a grade of B or better into an SFFGS graduate degree program.

Tuition:

Online certificate-only students:

- Tuition for courses with prefixes FNR/FOR for FL residents is approximately \$530 per credit hour. Tuition for courses with prefixes FNR/FOR for non-FL residents is approximately \$620 per credit hour. FL state agency tuition waivers are typically accepted for these courses, though distance learning fees of approximately \$30 per credit hour are not covered by the waiver.
- Tuition for courses with prefixes other than FNR/FOR is determined by the department that houses those courses. The department that houses non-FNR/FOR courses determines whether they will accept FL state agency waivers.

Current UF graduate degree-seeking students who wish to add the certificate:

- Students who are also graduate degree-seeking students will typically register in degree-seeking sections of these courses. Tuition rates vary depending on whether you are on/off campus and in/out of state.
- Some courses in this program are offered on campus, though you may be eligible to take some courses online. To add this certificate to your graduate degree program, [you must apply for admission](#) before 50% of the coursework is complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you,