Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Climate Justice Education in K-8 Education E-course

General Information on the Accelerating Climate Change in K-8 Education E-Course

Who is organizing and offering this E-course?

This E-course was co-developed by a panel of teacher educators and teachers with expertise in and a passion for helping K-12 educators learn about Climate Justice Education as a key part of Climate Climate Education (CCE). It offers interactive learning & networking with elementary teachers, teacher candidates, Indigenous educators & ESE experts from across Canada. This E-course is being offered by the *Environmental & Sustainability Education in Teacher Education* network (part of EECOM) and the *Accelerating Climate Change Education in Teacher Education* project.

Who is teaching this E-course?

The lead facilitator is Dr. Maria Vamvalis (B.Ed, MA, PhD), an award-winning educator, researcher, and facilitator who brings heart, vision, and over 15 years of experience in education to her work. Her recent doctoral research at OISE introduced *holistic climate justice pedagogies* - a generative framework that weaves together youth well-being, ecological relationality, and systemic transformation. Maria is a consultant with the *Critical Thinking Consortium*, focusing on equity, climate and reconciliation in education and also the founder of *Anayennisi*, a field of practice for regenerative work at the intersection of climate, culture, and consciousness. The second facilitator is Kahsenniyohstha Lauren Williams (B.Ed, MA) who is a Turtle Clan Kanyenkehá:ka artist and educator from Six Nations in Ontario. Lauren is a teacher who currently teaches at Prince of Wales Elementary school in Hamilton, Ontario. She is passionate about empowering learners of all ages to explore and deepen their relationships with the natural world through authentic, respectful engagement with Indigenous languages, cultures, and pedagogies which embody meaningful reciprocity with the earth.
Note: Sessions will be held in English.

What's involved in the E-Course?

Learners will engage in 8 weekly, synchronous online sessions for 90 minutes each (on Wednesdays) from 7pmET to 8:30ET. (Please make a note of how this time translates into your time zone.) Expect another 30-45 minutes of individual preparation for each session.

When does the E-Course run?

In Winter 2026, the e-course will run on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm ET, beginning January 21st. Please make a note of how this time translates into your time zone.)The course runs for 8 weeks, and will be held on Zoom, with links sent to those registered a week before the start date of the course.

How do I register?

Registration is now open! The form can be found at this link. You should receive an email confirming your registration once you have paid the registration fee..

Is there a cost for this E-course?

There is a registration fee of $150 Cdn for teachers, and $75 Cdn for student teachers.
As this e-course is being run by non-profit organizations, these fees cover the costs of offering the e-course.

I have registered, but haven't received any info yet - what do I do?

Information about the course outline and Zoom links will be sent out one week before the start of the first session.

Do I need to be a teacher or teacher candidate to participate?

Yes - this program is intended for Canadian teachers currently working in a school board or district in a K-8 teaching position, or student teachers registered in a Canadian teacher education program (registered for learning to teach any grades). To confirm your affiliation with a school board/district or teacher education program, please register using your institutional email. Teacher educators and community educators are also welcome to join this e-course.

How is the E-Course structured?

Each online class meeting will be led by the course facilitators in a 1.5-hour meeting on Zoom (with a short break at the half-way mark). These interactive meetings will include talks from experts in CCE, whole class and small group discussions, learning activities and sharing of relevant resources. Introductions to CCE concepts will be balanced with discussions about practical teaching strategies. Guest speakers will join in some sessions.

What will students learn in this E-course?

The course outline is being finalized by the learning team and will be shared with all registered learners in January 2026.

What is the time commitment and workload for the E-course?

Each of the 8 sessions runs for 90 minutes per week of class time on Zoom (time that teachers & teacher candidates will meet together). In addition, 30-45 minutes of preparation (reviewing videos or short readings) will help educators to deepen their knowledge of CCE and develop a pathway into CCE for their specific teaching context.

What supports are in place for francophone learners?

This course is being offered primarily in English at this time. However, Zoom now offers the ability to translate captions of discussions into French, so some support is available for those who prefer to learn in French.

What are the benefits of completing this E-course?

In addition to developing your capacity for teaching about CCE in your classroom, those who complete all 8 sessions will benefit from the following:

- time & support to create a plan for delivering CCE in your own classroom;
- a community of teachers, teacher candidates and CCE experts across Canada to support your learning in CCE;
- an extensive list of resources to teach about CCE;
- a Certificate of Completion
- a complementary one-year membership to EECOM

What if I miss a class meeting?

We recognize that teachers' lives are busy ones! You are welcome to attend as many classes as possible, but the Certificate of Completion is only available to those who attend the majority of the course sessions.

If I was not able to complete the E-course in previous years, can I return to try again?

You can certainly re-register for the E-course again, but please note that you will need to pay the registration fee for winter 2026.

Other questions?

If you have further questions that aren't addressed here, please send them to us: *contact@eseinfacultiesofed.ca*