

## Outdoor Leadership (OLP)

**THE CERTIFICATE:** Outdoor Leadership

**THE PROGRAM:** provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to lead entry-level adventure programs and services. You will learn by doing: activities are primarily field-oriented, with hands-on training. The certificate prepares you to design and deliver experiences in five areas: backcountry travel, rock climbing, paddling, nordic skiing, and challenge coursework. Certification competencies comply with adventure industry standards, i.e., American Canoeing Association or the Professional Ski Instructor of America, where available.

**YOUR NEXT STEP:** you will be prepared to work in program area-specific outdoor centers and schools, i.e., paddling schools, national adventure programs such as Outward Bound, human service organizations or educational institutions that utilize adventure modalities, and adventure organizations. Students with previous career skills may combine those with current technical training to found entrepreneurial ventures. You may also choose to continue your education in counseling, the natural or social sciences, and education.

REQUIRED COURSES	CREDITS
OLP 111 Introduction to Outdoor Adventure Skills I .....	4
OLP 112 Group Management for Outdoor Leaders I .....	2
OLP 116 Adventure Program Planning & Fieldwork I .....	3
OLP 120 Wilderness Emergency Preparedness.....	3
OLP 124 Natural History for Outdoor Leaders.....	2
OLP 127 Outdoor Adventure Skills II .....	4
OLP 143 Backcountry Travel Instructor .....	3
OLP 201 Individual Project in Outdoor Leadership I.....	1
OLP 202 Individual Project in Outdoor Leadership II .....	1
OLP 205 Group Management for Outdoor Leaders II.....	2
OLP 216 Field Work Experience in OLP.....	3
Program Electives.....	4-8
<b>TOTAL 32-36</b>	

**PROGRAM ELECTIVES** (Minimum requirement is two of the following instructor courses)

OLP 140 Rock Climbing Instructor .....	2
OLP 141 Paddling Instructor .....	2
OLP 142 Nordic Skiing Instructor .....	2
OLP 144 Challenge Course Programming Instructor .....	2

Students must have current Wilderness First Responder certification to enter the program.

This program requires a different admission process. Please contact the program coordinator or the Admission Office for additional information.

The Outdoor Leadership Program is accredited by the Association of Experiential Education.

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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