



Outdoor Education Degree: Professional Experience Portfolio

Student Name _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

College Teaching Experience

The purpose of the College Teaching Experience requirement is to allow students the chance to be guided through the steps of curriculum planning, delivery, and evaluation with the close mentorship of Sterling faculty members. This is usually achieved by the student registering for the College Teaching Experience (CTE) in a course they have already taken, also known as being a TA. This course should be at least 2 credits. There is an on-line application form. *Being a Course Assistant usually does not meet this requirement, but may be a useful first step in developing the skills and confidence to teach.*

Additionally, some Work Program positions may meet this requirement, such as; Coyote Kids Mentor or Adventure Coordinator. Students need to get prior approval from a member of the OE instructional team in order to have a Work Program experience count as meeting this checklist requirement.

Documentation includes a passing grade and comment for the CTE course, or a satisfactory Work Program evaluation and comment.

CTE Course _____ Semester _____

Field Semester Experience or Equivalent

The purpose of the Field Semester Experience or Equivalent requirement is to immerse students in an extended backcountry experience in order to cultivate the technical, interpersonal, and intrapersonal skills central to the field of Outdoor Education, and to connect with nature in a profound way. The Sterling College Southwest Field Semester, a NOLS or Outward Bound Semester course, or a Kroka Semester course are all examples of experiences that meet this requirement.

Students need to obtain prior approval from a member of the OE instructional team in order to have the experience count as meeting this checklist requirement.

Documentation of completion of the experience can be through the course appearing on a transcript, or other evidence of course completion.



Outdoor Education Major Internship/Work Guidelines

The purpose of the 8 weeks of work in OE or internship is to immerse students in the professional field of OE so that they can connect Sterling College concepts to real life application. Additionally this time serves as a chance to test out curriculum and experiential education in a real life setting for students. Work should be in one or more of the following fields: Outdoor Education, Environmental Education, Experiential Education, Adventure Programming, Wilderness Guiding. Students should also receive regular feedback from supervisors or mentors in this experience and then adapt and change to improve the quality of their work. Students need to get prior approval from a member of the OE instructional team in order to have the experience count as meeting this checklist requirement.

Name of Employer _____

Job Title _____

Start Date _____ End Date _____

2 paragraph summary of role:

Please obtain the signature of at least three members of the Outdoor Education Faculty group:

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____