

# Fall Block 2010 FIELD INVESTIGATION AND TEACHING: A PRACTICUM

*A field semester course offering of the Audubon Center of the North Woods and Northland College*

Instructors –Bryan Wood and the staff of the Audubon Center plus representatives of other significant organizations and charter schools.

**Philosophy:** It is our belief that the best way for students to acquire knowledge and prepare for challenges in their life and work is to give them real world situations, to guide and facilitate learning, and to allow them a chance to experience success. This belief takes form when we apply the EIC (Environment as an Integrating Context) approach that focuses on project-based, inquiry-style learning that is student-centered and ends in action steps.

The process provides both knowledge and the skills to apply the knowledge. It gives the students an investment in their learning – it provides them with a chance to demonstrate their capabilities in planning, experimentation, and action steps. We hope that we will be creating graduates with skills and leadership for the next steps in their life.

## Fall Block 2010- Field investigations, issues and solutions

### Month 1 – Forest and Plant Communities



In this context the students will examine certified forest, and explore management of the land that emphasizes the need for increasing natural biodiversity, which reflects on the historic natural landscape. We will work with the certifying agencies (Forest Stewardship Council and Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy).

It will be an active month of exploring and learning about the natural landscape, researching possibilities and talking with a variety of experts to gain a variety of opinions. You will explore coniferous and deciduous forests and learn about their complex ecosystems. This month also includes a trip to the BWCA.

### Month 2 – Outdoor Education Practicum.

- Real opportunities to impart knowledge, explore outdoor curriculum and test theories of learning and leadership.
- Students will work with elementary through high school aged students
- The students will observe, co-teach, teach and evaluate classes.

### Month 3 – Renewable Energy and Sustainability



- Visit sustainable living and renewable energy sites
- Investigate resources and materials related to sustainability and energy
- Plan the final experience – a 2 week field study expedition

### Month 4 - Two-week Field Expedition.

Conduct the final trip to observe the natural history, geology and cultures of Great Smoky Mountains National Park



**Student outcomes include training in: Environment as an Integrating Context - a nationally-recognized best practice in education, Sustainable forest management planning, and Renewable Energy planning.**

**Course cost: \$6,800**

*(A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required at time of registration)*

### To register or for more info

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