



New master's degree targets need for leaders in environmental practice

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Victoria B.C. – The [Canadian Centre for Environmental Education \(CCEE\)](#) is launching a master's degree in environmental practice, a three-year program targeting people seeking leadership roles in the environmental sector.

The program is being offered entirely through distance-based education and offers students looking for career-related graduate education the opportunity to gain leadership and management skills applicable to the environmental sector.

"The program provides a unique opportunity for people to continue with their employment as they gain new knowledge and credentials to advance their careers," says Canadian Centre for Environmental Education Director Michael Moss.

Students have the choice of two streams within the Master of Environmental Practice—the social-science-based Master of Arts, or the science-based Master of Science. Students can further concentrate their studies in three areas: environmental protection (MSc), environmental sustainability (MA), and natural resource management and conservation (MA or MSc), which were all developed in consultation with industry. Upon graduating, students are expected to have strategic knowledge and a critical skill set needed to become a leader in their chosen field of expertise.

The core courses and many of the electives for the specializations are offered through Royal Roads University. Students also have the option to take electives from the online master's degree program in environmental policy and management offered by University College at Denver University. Students can also choose between completing either an employment or organization-based practicum or a research paper in an area of particular interest.

Grant Trump, ECO Canada's president and CEO, says the degree will allow environmental professionals to better meet their full employment potential and ensure a competent environmental workforce in Canada.

"This program will be an excellent professional development activity for both seasoned professionals and newer graduates," says Trump.

The deadline for applications for the January intake is December 20, 2010.

[The Canadian Centre for Environmental Education](#) (CCEE) began in 2006 as a collaborative effort between [ECO Canada](#) (Environmental Careers Organization), and Royal Roads University. Its aims and objectives are to enhance the education, training, professional development, and mobility of environmental professionals both in Canada and internationally.



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ECO Canada is a national, not-for-profit organization that helps to strengthen the Canadian economy by providing a critical link between industry's need for qualified environmental professionals and those looking for career and skills development in the environment professions.

[Royal Roads University](#) was established by the Province of British Columbia in 1995 specifically to deliver quality applied and professional programs to advance professionals in the workplace. The university blends [online](#) and on-campus learning with current, real-world relevance for [doctoral](#), [master's](#) and [bachelor's degrees, certificates, diplomas, executive and custom](#) education.

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