



Environmental Literacy Instructor Apprenticeship



Roots of Success offers the nation's first Environmental Literacy Instructor Apprenticeship Program registered with the US Department of Labor.

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Apprentices receive an Environmental Literacy Instructor certificate from the US Department of Labor. This is a Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway, which integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

This is a 12-24 month apprenticeship program requiring 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and 156 hours of related supplemental instruction.

Roots of Success

The Apprenticeship is based on an environmental literacy and green jobs training program model called "Roots of Success" which was founded in 2008 and has graduated over 28,000 students in 40 states. The highly successful model involves partnering with community based organizations, jails, juvenile detention facilities, K12 Adult Schools, and other education and workforce training settings to train on-site individuals as environmental literacy instructors to deliver green jobs training programming and prepare their target populations for 100+ jobs in the region's water, waste, transportation, building, energy, food, and agriculture sectors.

Environmental Literacy Instructor apprentices are trained in this model to teach environmental literacy and green jobs training in the settings described above.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Registered Apprenticeship Program?

A Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is a proven model of apprenticeship that has been validated by the U.S. Department of Labor or a State Apprenticeship Agency. Apprenticeships combine paid on-the-job training with classroom instruction to prepare workers for highly-skilled careers. For more information on Federally Registered Apprenticeship Programs visit apprenticeship.gov.

How do RoS program partners benefit from the RoS Apprenticeship?

RoS Program Partners benefit from the RoS Apprenticeship because they are able to provide participants in their program with high quality job training and a prestigious certification that is highly valued by employers. In addition, funding support for the apprenticeship may be available from federal investment opportunities to state assistance to financial reimbursements.

How do RoS instructors benefit from the RoS Apprenticeship?

RoS Instructors benefit from Apprenticeships because they receive a skills-based education that prepares them for good jobs. In addition, individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally-recognized credential.

How do employers that hire RoS graduates benefit from the RoS Apprenticeship?

Employers benefit from the RoS Apprenticeship because it enables them to recruit, build, and retain a highly-skilled workforce. In addition, funding support may be available for employers from federal investment opportunities to state assistance to financial reimbursements.

How does a RoS Instructor earn the Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion?

Earning the Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion requires RoS instructors to teach the full course five times and meet the RoS Apprenticeship standards. Existing Roots of Success instructors can earn “previous credit hours” if they have previously taught the Roots of Success course.

Roots of Success also offers an Environmental Specialist pre-apprenticeship program. For more information, visit rootsofsuccess.org.