



Ice fishing on Shelburne Pond.

Course Requirements

This is a One-Credit graduate-level course through Castleton University that includes both in-class and event-based components.

- 8-hour, one day training
- 2 hours for completion of a comprehensive background check required for all instructors
- 5 hours to plan and conduct a clinic for the public, at a time that works with your schedule

Frequently asked questions:

Do I need fishing experience?

Absolutely not, all fishing basics and skills from casting, to aquatic ecology will be covered.

How can we learn all this through simply fishing?

We believe that there is more to fishing than simply casting a line. Educators can teach complex topics such as aquatic ecology and more all while your students are excited to spend some time on the water.

What about winter?

Ice fishing is an important Vermont tradition and we will cover that as well. It's important for students to have an understanding about what goes on under the ice in Vermont.

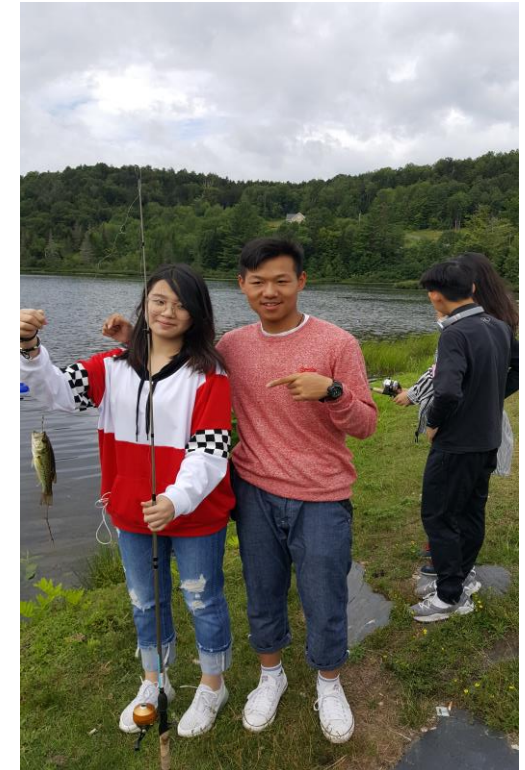


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Experiential Education in Aquatic Ecology & Habitat Conservation

*1 Graduate-Level Credit
Castleton University*



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This hands-on course certifies educators as Let's Go Fishing Instructors under the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Why take the course?

Educators will learn how to teach topics such as aquatic ecology, habitat management, fish anatomy and more in a fun, hands-on way!

Topics can easily be applied to science, gym and even math courses!

Testimonial

We have participated in the Let's Go Fishing Program with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife several years in a row in different seasons with different lessons. It has been a great opportunity for students ages 15-18 to learn about advanced environmental science concepts through an engaging hands-on activity that many Vermont youth can relate to. LGF provides a rich backdrop for discussions on Vermont water quality, aquatic habitat, anatomy, species identification, life cycles, geography, population dynamics and Fish and Wildlife Regulations. I will continue to utilize the LGF program as a vital component of our environmental science curriculum.

~Mark Raishart

Stafford Technical Center
Forestry Program Educator



Fourth Graders fishing for pan fish in Windsor

Benefits of taking this course

- Gain access to a vast network of volunteer instructors that can assist with programing.
- Free loaner educational supplies such as fishing rods, teaching aids and more for use on programs.
- In depth training on fishing techniques, aquatic ecology, fish identification and more.
- Learn new program ideas for your students that will get them outside while learning valuable skills.