The Education Department at Antioch University New England provides exceptional professional development, graduate programs, and leadership in the rapidly growing field of nature-based early childhood education. AUNE offers three different ways to expand your expertise in this area.

### The Nature-based Early Childhood Certificate Program
This is a professional development option for early childhood teachers and administrators. Participants take a series of 6 to 8 courses over 13 months, from summer to summer, for continuing education credits or for graduate credit. You can transfer the 12 to 15 credits you earn in this certificate into the AUNE Integrated Learning/Teacher Certification program or the Experienced Educator program within five years to earn a master's degree in education (MEd).

### The Nature-based Early Childhood specialization within the Integrated Learning-Teacher Certification Programs
This option is available for fully matriculated students within the Integrated Learning MEd program. Students who elect this option will take as many credits as they desire in the focus area and complete an early childhood internship in a nature pre-school or forest kindergarten setting.

### The Nature-based Early Childhood Concentration within the Experienced Educator Program
This option is available for fully matriculated students within the Experienced Educator program for working teachers. Students in this program complete the required practica within their current job settings. Those who elect this option will take the twelve credits required for the NBEC Certificate in addition to the core courses required for the MEd in Foundations of Education. Note that this option does not lead to a New Hampshire teaching license.

### RECOMMENDED PROGRAM SEQUENCE FOR REQUIRED COURSES & ELECTIVES
- **First Summer:** Nature-Based Early Childhood Curriculum,* and one Elective
- **Fall:** Electives
- **Spring:** Business Planning,* Working with Parents and Community,* Electives
- **Second Summer:** Risk Management* and Electives

For more information on the Nature-based Early Childhood Certificate Program and Education Department Masters programs, contact Sarah Wilson in the Admissions Office at 603-283-2131 or visit www.antioch.edu/new-england/nature-based.
### First Summer (Week-long Intensives and Electives)

- **EDC 5090**: 2 credits  
  Nature-based Early Childhood Curriculum*
- **EDT 5360**: 3 credits  
  Childhood and Nature
- **EDC 5280**: 1 credit  
  Ecology of Imagination

### Fall (Weekend Courses)

- **EDC 5030.NE**: 1 credit  
  Natural History for Early Childhood
- **EDT 5100**: 1 credit  
  Landscape Analysis & Design for Nature Play
- **EDC 6650**: 1 credit  
  Movement and Storytelling in the Early Childhood Classroom

### Spring (Online and Weekend Courses)

- **EDP 5600**: 2 credits  
  Business Planning for NbEC Programs* (online)
- **EDP 5580**: 1 credit  
  Working with Parents and Community*
- **ED-5610**: 1 credit  
  Natural History for Early Childhood—Teaching in Winter
- **ED 6480**: 2 credits  
  Early Childhood Education Pre-K to 3rd
- **ECE-6350**: 3 credits  
  Making Learning Visible through Observation and Documentation

### Second Summer (Week-long Intensives)

- **EDP 5620**: 2 credits  
  Risk Management for Nature-based Early Childhood*

### Electives—Offered Any Semester

- **EDT 6500**: variable credits  
  Advanced Topics in Nature-Based Early Childhood
- **ED 5900**: 3 credits  
  Internship in Nature Preschool or Forest Kindergarten
- **EDC 5160**: 3 credits  
  School Change Practicum in Nature Preschool/Forest Kindergarten

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*Required Courses (7 credits)

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“Give children a chance to love the earth before we ask them to save it.”  
David Sobel, Faculty Emeritus, Education Department