

CALIFORNIA
TRIBAL
YOUTH
Water Protectors Certificate

The California Youth Tribal Water Protector Certificate offers high school students the opportunity to attend college classes and earn continuing and professional college credits. The program is designed to help students learn Tribal Water Law and Policies, California waterways, and the impact it has upon California tribes. Students will also learn about watershed resilience, issues of equity, access, and incorporation of tribal ecological knowledge in the California water plan. The program contains two courses: Tribal Water Law and Policy and Intro to Geographic Information Systems. Both courses are online. Students will develop a capstone project pertaining to a tribal waterway and its cultural and environmental significance. Capstones will be presented during the 4th Annual Tribal Water Summit in Sacramento, California, April 11-13, 2023.

Benefits

- Earn University of California Continuing and Professional Development credit
- Gain knowledge of Tribal Water Law and Policy
- Gain Knowledge of using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Gain knowledge of California waterways and tribal waterways
- Gain new skills for career opportunities

Requirements

Students must meet these program requirements:

- Attend an online orientation - (call the California Tribal College to schedule)
- Parent or Guardian Approval
- Must be a 9th to 12th grade student enrolled in a public or private High School in California
- Must have approval from the students' High School
- Must have a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Must submit a 1-page essay expressing interest in learning about tribal waterways

FAQ's

- **How much is the program?** The program is free.
- **Do I have to buy any books?** No books are required. Both courses are online.
- **Who do I contact to learn more?** Call the California Tribal College to register for the mandatory orientation.
- **Do I need my parent's permission?** Yes, your parent or guardian must sign the application.
- **Do I need permission from my high school?** Yes, your high school counselor or principal must sign the form.
- **Is there a GPA requirement?** Yes, you must have a 2.0 GPA or higher and write a 1-page essay describing your interest in the program
- **Is there a final exam?** No final exam is required. However, you will develop a capstone project on a California tribal waterway and its cultural and environmental significance.
- **How do I submit the capstone project?** The capstone project can be a poster or PowerPoint presentation. Capstones will be presented either in person or online, at the Water Summit.
- **Do I have to be an enrolled member with a tribe?** No, the program is open to all tribal youth in the State of California, whether enrolled or not.
- **Do I have to travel to the Tribal Water Summit?**
No, students are not required to attend the summit in person; capstones can be presented via online; more information about this option will be available at a later date.

Courses:
Fall 2022 "Tribal Water Law & Policy"
Instructor: David Sandino, Esq.
Format: Online

Spring 2023 "Introduction to GIS"
Instructor: JayLee Tuil
Format: Online

Course requirements: Internet and computer access



Contact (530)661-5767 for more info



The deadline to apply is
October 21st @ 5PM