

C W C C O L L E G E C R E D I T I N F O R M A T I O N

Central Wyoming College, in partnership with NOLS, began offering college credit for selected NOLS courses in the spring of 2001 as part of an Associate of Science degree in Environmental Science and Leadership. An Associate of Arts degree in Outdoor Educator and Leadership was added in the summer of 2003. Students 16 and older are eligible for credit. Through CWC, students can access federal financial aid or apply an AmeriCorps stipend to pay for a NOLS course.

IT'S JUST LIKE COLLEGE

Just as you cannot sit in on a class at your college for a while, see how it goes, and then decide that you want credit for it, you cannot sign up for CWC college credit after your NOLS course has begun. **You will not be registered with CWC and will not receive grades unless the required paperwork and fees have been submitted by the due date.**

Central Wyoming College has a policy of open admission and therefore admits all United States citizens and permanent residents, age 16 years and above, who have the desire to pursue post-secondary education or to acquire specific skills. Students who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United States may apply for admission to CWC, however, acceptance to the college is not automatic. All international students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, and therefore can earn credit only for a NOLS semester course. PLEASE NOTE: Students who wish to access federal financial aid through CWC or who wish to pursue the associate degree in Environmental Science and Leadership or Outdoor Education and Leadership must be high school graduates. An official high school transcript or GED certificate must accompany your CWC application if you plan to access federal financial aid, apply an AmeriCorps stipend, or pursue a CWC associate degree.

CWC STUDENT ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

- Complete the CWC admissions application. Students will not be allowed to register for courses until the college receives the admissions application. Application can be completed online at www.cwc.edu/admissions/admissions.htm.
- All official high school transcripts and GED certificates are to be sent to:

Records and Research Office
Central Wyoming College
2660 Peck Avenue
Riverton, Wyoming 82501

- Degree-seeking students wishing to transfer credits into CWC must provide official college transcripts from other post-secondary institutions. Transcripts must be sent directly from the institution attended to Central Wyoming College Records and Research Office. **All transcripts become the property of the college and will not be released or copied for non-CWC third party use.**
- Students are encouraged to begin the admissions process well in advance of registration.

CWC REGISTRATION

Students may enroll in classes during the registration periods indicated in the CWC academic calendar and the Schedule of Courses publication.

- **Registrations will be accepted for NOLS courses up to 45 days prior to the start of the NOLS course. A copy of the NOLS acceptance letter must accompany the registration form.**
- **No retroactive enrollment in NOLS courses will be allowed.**

CWC RESIDENCY CRITERIA

All students declaring Environmental Science and Leadership or Outdoor Educator and Leadership as their degree will be considered **in-state** for tuition and fees purposes.

FINANCIAL AID

The financial aid process takes time and should be started at least **90 days** prior to the start of a NOLS course.

Applying for Financial Aid:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if applying for PELL grants and/or Federal student loans. Copies of these forms are available from the CWC Financial Aid Office or electronically at www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- Mail the application to the address indicated on the form. **DO NOT** mail the form to CWC. If submitted electronically, mail the signature certification to the address indicated on the form. Processing generally requires four to six weeks.
- Students receive a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) upon completion of processing. Students should check the SAR for accuracy and forward corrections to the CWC Financial Aid Office.
- Students are also required to complete the CWC Financial Aid Application. The completed application must be forwarded with a photocopy of the most recent United States income tax return to the Financial Aid Office. Dependent students are required to provide a photocopy of their parents' or guardians' income tax return.
- Request official copies of transcripts verifying high school graduation and earned bachelors degree (if applicable) and all college credits to be transferred (if applicable) be sent directly to the Records and Research Office.

CWC will provide NOLS with confirmation of financial aid awarded. Students are responsible for payment of any difference between award and NOLS course fees. The difference must be paid directly to NOLS.

COST

CWC tuition is \$57.00 per credit plus general fees. Central Wyoming College reserves the right to change tuition rates in accordance with state requirements.

CWC TUITION AND FEES 2005-2006 In-State Tuition and Fees

NOLS COURSE	CREDITS	CWC TUITION	CWC FEES	CWC TOTAL
All Skills Courses	3	\$171.00	\$63.00	\$234.00
All Wilderness All Mountaineering, All Educator, Instructors	4	\$228.00	\$84.00	\$312.00
Any Semester	12	\$684.00	\$252.00	\$936.00
Any Semester w/ WFR	16			\$996.00

Central Wyoming College and the National Outdoor Leadership School are entirely separate entities and no agency or employee relationship exists between them. Central Wyoming College's responsibility is limited to a prior review of course content and instructor qualifications to insure appropriate academic relevance and competence, and exercises no responsibility or authority over the conduct of the instructors or other employees or agents of NOLS.

CWC CREDIT HOURS

- Central Wyoming College uses the semester credit hour system. To convert semester credit hours to quarter credit hours, divide the semester credit hours by .67 (e.g. 4 semester credit hours ÷ by .67 = 5.97 or 6 quarter credit hours).
- Students receiving credit will be assigned a final letter grade by their instructors. NOLS will provide all students with written evaluations and an optional oral evaluation at the end of the course.
- NOLS staff will submit your grade to CWC (A,B,C,D) when all courses for that semester have been successfully completed. Central Wyoming College does not record (+) or (-) grades.
- CWC/NOLS credit works just like any college credit. If the student does not complete his/her NOLS course or a section of the semester program, no credit will be awarded. Students expelled for any reason will not receive college credit through CWC.
- Grades are submitted as soon as NOLS receives the grades for the course.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE CREDIT COURSE

- Students may withdraw from any CWC course up until the last scheduled day of the course. If you must withdraw or are expelled from your NOLS course, or if you miss a section of your NOLS semester course, you must withdraw from CWC in order to avoid receiving an "F" for your CWC course.
- Students can withdraw from a CWC course by completing the CWC "Withdrawal from Academic Term" portion of the "Change of Schedule" form (available from the CWC Records and Research Office by calling toll-free, 1-800-865-0194). The form may also be printed from the CWC web page by going to Registration and Records, Printable Forms, Add/Drop forms.

CWC CREDIT REFUNDS

In order to receive a refund of your **CWC tuition**, you must withdraw before your NOLS course starts or during the first 12 percent of your NOLS course (during the first 3 days of a NOLS 3-4 week course, or during the first 7 to 11 days of a NOLS semester depending on the length). Refunds for **NOLS course tuition** are per NOLS refund policy.

CREDIT TRANSFER FROM CWC

Students can go to the CWC web site, to Registration & Records, to On-Line Registration or to On-Line Services to access WebAdvisor. When the menu for students appears, you will see "Make a Payment" in the Financial Profile section and "Transcript Request" plus "Transcript Request Status" in the Academic Profile section. Credit card payments can be made for the student's account in the Business Office and transcripts can be ordered with a credit card. If the student does not want to pay for a transcript with a credit card, there is a link on the request screen which will allow the student to print a Transcript Request Form and mail it to the Records Office with payment, complete it and bring it to the Records Office with payment, or fax it in and pay when the transcript is picked up at the Records Office. There are instructions on the screen for all of these options.

All financial obligations to CWC and NOLS must be cleared before a transcript will be released. For further information about transcript services, please contact the CWC Records and Research Office by calling toll-free, 1-877-855-1234.

Many colleges or universities accept transfer credits from CWC. **However, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that other institutions will accept CWC credits.** Students are encouraged to verify, before the start of their NOLS course, that their school will accept CWC credits in transfer. This will prevent possible disappointment later.

N O L S / C W C C O L L E G E C R E D I T

The following chart indicates the NOLS courses for which CWC credit is awarded. Courses which include a Wilderness First Responder are eligible for an additional 4 credits.

	NOLS Course Code	CWC Course	Total Hours
<i>Semester Courses</i>			
Semester in the Rockies	FSR SSR WSS	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in Teton Valley	ISS	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in the Southwest	FSW SSW	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in the Sonoran (Fall only)	FSS	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in Patagonia	SSPM JSPM	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in Baja	FSB SSB	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in the Pacific Northwest	NWS	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in Australia	AAU	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in Alaska	SAKM SAKR	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in New Zealand	NZS NZSF	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
Semester in the Yukon	YSS	BIOL 2045 EDCI 2050 G&R 2050	12
<i>Wilderness Courses</i>			
Wind River Wilderness	WRW	G&R 2030	4
Wilderness Natural History	WNH	BIOL 2005	4
Horsepacking	HOS	EQST 2655	3
<i>Mountaineering Courses</i>			
Wind River Mountaineering	WMT	G&R 2020	4
<i>Outdoor Educator Courses</i>			
Outdoor Educator	OEC	EDCI 2015	4
Mountain Instructor	SIC	EDCI 2045	4

C W C C O U R S E D E S C R I P T I O N S

EDCI 2015 Outdoor Educator 4 credits (Max 12)

This course is offered in conjunction with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and prepares students to be safe, competent, responsible wilderness leaders and travelers, familiar with the NOLS outdoor education techniques and philosophies. Students will learn how to supervise novices during a basic wilderness experience. Students will apply environmental ethics during the wilderness experience. This course is offered in more than one environmental setting and may be repeated for maximum of 12 credits, if taken in a new environment each time. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.) **NOLS: OEC**

EDCI 2045 Outdoor Leadership Instructor 4 credits

This course prepares instructors to teach and practice responsible habits that promote the health and safety of self and others. Students are exposed to the theory and practice of outdoor leadership, teamwork, and expedition behavior which involves commitment to the group, a positive attitude, and cooperation to achieve goals. Students will live, travel, and guide others in the outdoors within a framework of safety and care for the environment. An awareness of how to apply minimum impact ideas to their lives beyond the course will be developed. Students are expected to be prepared as wilderness educators as well as wilderness leaders. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.) **NOLS: SIC**

EQST 2655 Horsepacking. 3 credits

This course teaches wilderness users to practice responsible habits that promote the health and safety of self, others, and livestock. Students are exposed to the theory and practice of outdoor leadership, teamwork, and expedition behavior utilizing horses as an accessible, efficient, and environmentally sound mode of wilderness travel. Students will apply principles of ecology during the wilderness experience. (3 lect.) **NOLS: HOS**

ES&L Semester 12 credits

BIOL 2045 Natural History of Regional Ecosystems. 4 credits (Max 8)

This course is offered in conjunction with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). This course involves immersion in the ecosystem, adapting to the natural rhythms of the Earth, which teaches students about cycles and behavioral adaptations at a guttural level. Class work in regional biota and ecology will provide students with information that is easily integrated with the environmental ethics of land management and low impact camping. Field natural history and basic field ecology are key to exploration and minimization of human effects on ecosystems. This course is part of the NOLS semester and must be taken concurrently with EDCI 2050 and G&R 2050. On certain semesters it is also taken concurrently with HLED 2010. NOLS semesters are taught experientially, so climate, season, terrain, participants, specific course selection, and other factors generally support some outcomes more than others. This course is offered in more than one environmental setting and may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits if taken each time in a new environment. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.) **CWC: SCI**

EDCI 2050 Outdoor Education & Leadership. 4 credits (Max 8) (T)

The outdoor education component of the NOL semester course includes theory and specific techniques for education in the outdoors. The leadership component of this course uses a progression that includes theory, modeling by staff, extensive coached practice, and independent student application in real situations. Students will be given the opportunity to become certified as "Leave No Trace Trainers." This course is part of the NOLS semester course and must be taken concurrently with BIOL 2045 and G&R 2050. During certain semesters it is also taken concurrently with HLED 2010. NOLS semesters are taught experientially, so climate, season, terrain, participants, specific course selection, and other factors generally support some outcomes more than other. This course is offered in more than one environmental setting and may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits if taken each time in a new environment. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.)

G&R 2050 Environmental Ethics & Management. 4 credits (Max 8) (T)

This course is offered in conjunction with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). This course involves immersion in the geography and culture of the area in which the course is held. Class work in physical and cultural geography will provide students with information that is easily integrated with the environmental ethics of land management and low impact camping. This course is part of the NOLS semester and must be taken concurrently with EDCI 2050 and BIOL 2045. During certain semesters it is also taken concurrently with HLED 2010. NOLS semesters are taught experientially, so climate, season, terrain, participants, specific course selection, and other factors generally support some outcomes more than others. This course is offered in more than one environmental setting and may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits if taken each time in a new environment. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.) **CWC: WELL**

G&R 2020 Wind River Mountaineering 4 credits

Along with a wide range of mountaineering techniques, this course prepares students in map-reading and route finding, minimum-impact camping and first aid. Safety, judgment, leadership skills, and environmental ethics are stressed. Students will apply environmental ethics during the wilderness experience. (4 lect.) **CWC: WELL; NOLS: WMT**

G&R 2030 Wind River Wilderness 4 credits

This course teaches wilderness users to practice responsible habits that promote the health and safety of self and others. Students are exposed to the theory and practice of outdoor leadership, teamwork, and expedition behavior. Students will learn to live and travel in the wilderness within a framework of personal safety and care of the environment. Students will develop an awareness of how to apply Leave No Trace philosophy to their lives beyond the course. Students will apply principles of environmental ethics during the wilderness experience. Prerequisite: NOLS permission required. (4 lect.) **CWC: WELL; NOLS: WRW, ABW**

HLED 2010 Wilderness First Responder 4 credits

This course is designed to provide outdoor leaders, instructors, guides, rangers, and wilderness and foreign travelers with the knowledge needed to deal with emergencies in remote settings. The curriculum covers standards of care for urban situations with additional protocols for remote situations. Special topics include but are not limited to: CPR considerations (when not to start and when to stop), wilderness wound and burn management, clearing patients of spine and head trauma, athletic injuries, realigning fractures and dislocations, improvising splinting techniques, patient monitoring and long-term management problems, up-to-date information on all environmental emergencies, common simple medical problems, plus advice on drug therapies. Emphasis is placed on prevention and decision-making. Certifications upon successful completion include: Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) Wilderness First Responder and American Heart Association's CPR. All levels of prior training are welcome. Prerequisite: Acceptance by WMI of NOLS. (3 lect; 1 lab) **NOLS: WFR**

HLED 2015 Wilderness EMT 9 credits

This comprehensive 4 week course of classroom education, practical skills, scenarios, and full-scale mock rescues prepares the student to test for certification as an EMT and a Wilderness EMT. This program fulfills all DOT requirements for certification as a basic EMT. In addition to the urban curriculum, issues critical to managing patients in a wilderness environment will be addressed. The focus is on increasing students' decision making skills, not the memorization of lists. Successful completion of the course and both written and practical examinations will certify the student as a National Registry of EMTs Basic EMT. Prerequisite: Acceptance by Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) of NOLS. (7 lect; 2 lab) **NOLS: WEMT**