



Forest Kindergarten Teacher Certification: Practicum Requirements & Options

Certification requirement: 72 hours total
(36 hours between Level 1 and 2. Plus 36 hours after Level 3)

Option 1: Peer Mentoring (in one's own program)

- Video recording and reflective writing covering: transitions, circle, rhythm, ritual, domains of learning, storytelling, and working with naturalist knowledge.
 - Videotaping must include media release forms from adults and parents/guardians of children. Videos should be uploaded online to a password protected sharing method (such as Vimeo).
 - Self evaluation AND Teaching peer evaluation
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Option 2: Approved Forest Kindergarten Mentor

- Video recording and/or Academy instructor interview with approved Mentor, and reflective writing covering: transitions, circle, rhythm, ritual, domains of learning, storytelling, and working with naturalist knowledge.
 - Video recording must include media release forms from adults and parents/guardians of children. Upload video online to a password protected sharing method (such as Vimeo).
 - Self evaluation & Mentor evaluation (evaluation form or phone conversation w/ Academy instructor)
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*Option 3: Approved Preschool (in a completely outdoor component)

**only if Options 1 or 2 are not available for practicum*

- Video recording and/or Academy instructor interview with preschool teacher/supervisor, and reflective writing covering: transitions, circle, rhythm, ritual, domains of learning, storytelling, and working with naturalist knowledge.
- Video recording must include media release forms from adults and parents/guardians of children. Videos should be uploaded online to a password protected sharing method (such as Vimeo).
- Self evaluation AND Preschool teacher/supervisor evaluation (evaluation form or phone conversation with Academy instructor)