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## a degree in **Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education**

at Brevard College



### What makes the BC WLEE Program unique?

The Brevard College Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education major (WLEE) is a nationally recognized undergraduate program that delivers an innovative, intensive and experiential curriculum promoting the development of strong leaders and teachers. The program is grounded in the theory and principles of leadership and experiential education and is rich with opportunity for application. As part of a liberal arts learning community that values interdisciplinary study, the program enriches the student experience and fosters responsibility, independent thought, collaboration and respect for others. It aligns with and helps to fulfill the Brevard College commitment to environmental stewardship and life-long service and learning.

Located next to one of the most biologically diverse National Forests in the United States, our program pairs the development of theoretical knowledge with opportunities for application in this and a variety of other outdoor settings. Through this integrated approach, students build effective communication and teaching skills, experience in group leadership and development and a strong foundation for experience-based judgment and decision-making skills. Key components that make our program unique include:

- **The Immersion Semester**—For an entire semester, 10 students work together in a collaborative learning environment directed by a core faculty member and a variety of specialized leaders. The group members experience and explore leadership issues and team dynamics in a small group environment. Immersed in 6 inter-related courses, students teach a variety of skills, lead significant components of the semester, and share feedback to help fine-tune their teaching and leadership competencies. (Additionally, the group will explore and live in a number of diverse natural environments. The Immersion Semester field highlights include an 8-day Wilderness First Responder Course, 3-day Leave No Trace Trainer Course, many daily field experiences and at least 35 overnight field days; including a 6-day coastal kayaking trip, 3-day caving trip and a 21-day wilderness expedition.)

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### Our Faculty:

**John Buford, Ph.D.,**  
Capella University  
*Assistant Professor*

**Clyde Carter, M.S.,**  
Mankato State University  
*Associate Professor*

**Ryan Donovan, B.A.,**  
Brevard College  
*Operations Manager/Instructor*

**Robert Dye, M.A.,**  
Radford University  
*Assistant Professor*

**Jennifer Kafsky, Ph.D.,**  
Clemson University  
*Associate Professor, WLEE Coordinator*



## Graduates of the WLEE program are securing teaching and leadership jobs in:

- Outdoor Education & Recreation Programs in Colleges, Public and Private Schools
- Environmental Education
- Outdoor Retail Operations
- Outdoor Publications
- Community Recreation Programs
- Commercial Recreation Programs
- Wilderness Therapy Programs
- Adventure & Eco-Travel/Tourism

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- **Advanced Skills Courses**—Following the Immersion Semester, students have the opportunity to refine their technical abilities and earn certifications from nationally recognized organizations.
- **Recognized** as one of the best paddling schools in the southeast by *Paddler* magazine, and as one of the Top 40 Outdoor Colleges/Towns in *Outside* magazine.

### The WLEE major is ideal for those who are interested in:

- Developing leadership skills
- Environmental stewardship
- Outdoor adventure pursuits
- Developing outdoor technical skills
- Helping others grow and develop
- Teaching others

### Program Memberships and Affiliations:

- American Canoe Association
- American Whitewater Association
- Association for Experiential Education
- Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education
- Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics
- Wilderness Education Association

### Scholarship Information:

Scholarships are available to students declaring WLEE as their major and are awarded based on the student's application and merits. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office for application and instructions, and the WLEE Coordinator for questions. Need-based financial aid is also available to those students who qualify by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### Read what a recent graduate said about BC:

*"My most rewarding academic experiences at Brevard have been through working with faculty. They offer specific, mindful and brilliant guidance through their areas of expertise!"*

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#### Financial Aid

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#### WLEE Web site

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### Division of Social Sciences includes:

#### Major Programs:

- Business & Organizational Leadership
- Criminal Justice
- Integrated Studies, including Elem. Ed.
- Psychology
- Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education

#### Minor Programs:

- Business & Organizational Leadership

- Criminal Justice
- Economics and Policy Studies
- Education
- Human Resources
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Sport and Event Management
- Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education