

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 and learn about California waterways and the impact it has upon California tribes. The program contains two courses: Tribal water law and policy, and Geographic Information systems. Both courses are online and are self-paced with one live session at the end of each course. Students will develop a capstone project that will be presented during the 23rd Tribal Water Summit in Sacramento, California April 11-13, 2023.

Courses:
Fall 2022 "Tribal Water Law & Policy"
Instructor: David Sandino, Esq.
November 1, 2022 - December 15, 2022
Online Asynchronous; self-paced

Spring 2023 "Introduction to GIS"
Instructor: JayLee Tuil
January 9, 2023 - March 15, 2023
Online Synchronous

Course requirements: Internet and computer access

Students will have assistance from University of California Davis graduate students for each course; designing and developing the capstone project

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 your High School
- Must have a 2.0 grade point average
- Must submit a 1-page essay of interest in learning about tribal water ways

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 that will include your gained knowledge and waterway project of your choice.
- **What is a capstone project?** A capstone is developing a PowerPoint presentation of the gained knowledge about a specific waterway in California and how it impacts a tribal reservation or region.
- **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 regardless of tribal affiliation.
- **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 travel assistance will be available at a later date.