

Earn Professional Development with WorldStrides

WorldStrides is pleased to offer educators that travel with us free professional development points and the opportunity to earn graduate credit!

Professional Development Points

Since the inception of our Professional Development Program in 2005, WorldStrides has issued over 5,000 transcripts to educators worldwide. We continue to offer participants **Professional Development Points/Hours (PDPs)**, tailored specifically to state recertification requirements, for traveling on a WorldStrides program. The number of PDPs available to educators is dependent upon your travel program:

Program Type	Points/Hours Offered
California State	10
East Coast History	25
Florida and Costa Rica Science	30
International	35

To claim your PDPs, simply accompany students on one of our renowned education programs and complete a transcript request form online at www.worldstrides.org/pdptranscript either before or after you travel.

Each transcript is tailored to your state's requirements for recertification and includes State Board of Education approval codes, if applicable.



Graduate Credit

WorldStrides continuously strives to aid in the professional development of our outstanding educators and as we continue to innovate, we are proud to announce the opportunity to earn graduate credit through our professional development program.

Here's how it works:

1. Choose a course from the options outlined on the opposite side of this flyer. Participants may choose which course to register for based upon their travel experiences and professional needs.
2. Register for your chosen course by completing the graduate credit registration form at www.worldstrides.org/graduatecredit.pdf
3. Once registration is complete, you will be directed to the online program to complete your course and receive your transcript.

Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of these great resources for Program Leaders!

If you have any questions, please contact WorldStrides' Director of Education, Amy Westby, at amyw@worldstrides.org

WorldStrides Graduate Credit 2008-2009 Course Offerings

Course 1000: East Coast History	
<i>Applicable to all WorldStrides East Coast History programs</i>	
University granting credit: <i>(choose one)</i>	Augustana College – Sioux Falls, SD Colorado State University – Pueblo, CO North Dakota State University – Fargo, ND University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN
Cost:	1 credit = \$99 2 credits = \$185 3 credits = \$350
<p>In this course, participants experience a number of unique learning venues in the Washington, D.C. area. Information gained from these field experiences can be used by educators in a variety of ways: as a resource for students, a field experience site, and a resource for professional growth. Self-guided tours and exploration invite participants to explore ways to incorporate activities and sites into their curriculum and school programs.</p>	

Course 1001: Independent Travel Study	
<i>Applicable to all WorldStrides programs</i>	
University granting credit:	California State University – Sacramento, CA
Cost:	\$165 per credit (up to four credits)
<p>Make plans to learn while you explore exciting domestic and international destinations through WorldStrides' travel study programs. This learning program enriches your travel experiences through special visits and contacts, as well as knowledge of the culture, history, language and tradition of your destination. Earn credit for a planned learning experience while traveling in the United States or abroad in all subject areas! Applicants for this program are required to write a paper of any topic that relates your travel experience to your teaching in the classroom/school environment.</p>	

Course 1002: CSI – Creating Science Instruction through Inquiry	
<i>Applicable to all WorldStrides Science programs</i>	
University granting credit:	Augustana College – Sioux Falls, SD Colorado State University – Pueblo, CO North Dakota State University – Fargo, ND University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN
Cost:	1 credit = \$99 2 credits = \$185 3 credits = \$350
<p>At last, a course specifically designed to help you teach science! This course will cultivate science learners' sense of discovery and critical thinking skills by utilizing inquiry-based strategies. Gain a thorough understanding of these strategies that have proven effective in the science classroom.</p>	

Course 1003: Virtual Field Tripping – Explore the World Without Leaving School	
<i>Applicable to all WorldStrides programs</i>	
University granting credit:	Augustana College – Sioux Falls, SD Colorado State University – Pueblo, CO North Dakota State University – Fargo, ND University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN
Cost:	1 credit = \$99
<p>Explore the world without leaving your classroom. Delve into the unique advantages of virtual field trips and learn how to effectively structure such Internet activities.</p>	