



DNR's Academy of Natural Resources is one of the best professional development programs in the state for teachers wanting to experience a science-based, hands-on, high-quality and engaging week of residential training.

This year, the Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support – run by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – returns to the ANR programming schedule for the first time since 2017. MEECS brings its full complement of activities and materials, recently updated to align with Michigan's Next Generation Science Standards, to the academy for MEECS Week July 9-14.

“Several of our most popular MEECS units have undergone major revisions to promote three-dimensional learning that aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards,” said Eileen Boekestein, EGLE environmental education coordinator. “We’re thrilled to debut brand-new water quality, ecosystems and biodiversity, and climate change units at this year’s ANR, and we’re excited for MEECS Week participants to be among the first in the state to access to these excellent resources.”

Units on water quality, biodiversity, ecosystems, energy, air quality, land use and climate change have been developed and updated over the years. Individual workshops on these focus areas are offered statewide, but it is only at the Academy of Natural Resources where you can receive training in all units at one place at one time.

Among Michigan's most popular professional development programs, ANR welcomes both formal and informal educators. In fact, 98% of last year's 65 participants said they would highly recommend ANR to another teacher. And a research study, which gauged long-term impact, overwhelmingly supported ANR as effective long after participation.

Find information on scholarships and registration at Michigan.gov/ANR.

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