

Earn Academic Credit and Professional Development

WorldStrides holds accreditation through multiple regional agencies, including AdvancED. This enables our traveling students and teachers to earn academic credit or professional development certificates in conjunction with travel programs.

Students! You can register for **Discovery for Credit** coursework before, during, or after the travel portion of the program. Most assignments are designed to be completed after travel, since they ask that you incorporate much of what you learned during the field experience. We encourage you to log on before travel if time permits to get a feel for the course and explore its components. There is a 6-month deadline from the return date of travel to complete all online assignments.

Upon successful completion of both travel program and online coursework, you will receive an official transcript (from WorldStrides or our university partner—The University of California) mailed directly to your home address. Transcripts can be submitted to school registrars for consideration or attached separately to college applications or résumés. Students and educators should check with receiving institutions with regard to acceptance policies.

High School Credit

Students in grades 6-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to participate for high school credit at no additional cost and with no fees. There are also multiple options for completing coursework online. Courses differ in theme, destination, and length. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, create a **STUDENT** 'MyTrip' profile through the WorldStrides website.



How to Register

To create a student MyTrip account:

- 1.) Follow this link to the MyTrip login page: <http://mytrip.worldstrides.org/login.xml?referer=%2Findex.xml>
- 2.) In the New Users section, click on 'Parents, Students, and Adults' to join 'MyTrip.'
- 3.) Answer questions as prompted. (Be sure to select the '**STUDENT**' designation.) *In order to complete this section, you will need your trip and traveler ID numbers. *The organizing teacher for your trip or WorldStrides customer service can provide this information.*
- 4.) Create a username and password and enter the security phrase as prompted.
- 5.) Click 'Join MyTrip'!
- 6.) Once logged in, click on the 'Earn Credit, Click Here' banner in the top right corner, to access the course menu.
- 7.) Select from the courses in your menu based on the accompanying description and begin your coursework.



College Credit

Students in grades 9-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to participate for college credit in conjunction with our university partnership with The University of California, San Diego. Some programs include the opportunity to take college credit at no additional cost. If not included, the cost is \$379 per credit hour, with the option to take either a 1.0 credit or a 3.0 credit course. There are also multiple options for completing coursework online. Courses differ in theme, destination, and length. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, create a **STUDENT** 'MyTrip' profile through the WorldStrides website.

How to Register

See 'How to Register' in the 'High School Credit' section of this document.

1.0 and 3.0 credit courses are similar in theme and objectives, differing in project/essay length requirements and necessary time commitment. Students may elect to take **either a 1.0 credit or 3.0 credit course in conjunction with the travel program.*

Professional Development Certificates for Educators

All teachers traveling on WorldStrides programs are eligible to earn professional development points, clock/contact hours, or continuing education units (CEU's) toward licensure renewal in conjunction with your role in the travel program.

Points, clock/contact hours, or CEU's accrued and are awarded based on the following formula:

Formula = 5 points/hours per day (**0.5 CEUs per day**)

Example:

Trip Dates: April 27 – May 3, 2016 (7 days)

Points for PL/chaperones: 7 days x 5 points = 35 points/hours (3.5 CEUs)

Maximum points possible: 35 points/hours (3.5)

Cost

Professional development certificates are offered to educators at no cost.

How to Request Professional Development Certificates

Upon conclusion of the travel program, program leaders may request professional development certificates for themselves and chaperones through the MyTrip profile online or by contacting the program account manager.

- 1.) Login to your program leader MyTrip profile.
- 2.) Select the blue 'Request Professional Development...' link from the program leader MyTrip welcome screen.
- 3.) Click the 'Request Now' link associated with your travel program

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		DISCOVERY FOR CREDIT	
TRIP ID	COURSE	TRANSCRIPT	REQUEST FOR
94332	Environmental Science MS: Splash into Science	Request Now	PL/Direct



- 4.) Select 'Request for Program Leader' or 'Request on behalf of Chaperone(s)' and enter information as prompted.
- 5.) Click 'Submit.'

Graduate Credit for Educators

Program leaders and chaperones on WorldStrides programs are eligible to enroll in a 3.0 graduate credit course, "Instruction and Management for Increased Learning," through WorldStrides' university partnership. The course is offered during fall and spring terms. Each session runs for 12 weeks and is arranged in six, two-week online segments designed to give the flexibility teachers need to be successful and simultaneously manage multiple responsibilities and complex schedules. This course is designed for full-time educators and capitalizes on incorporating current classroom practices into graduate coursework.

Cost

Tuition for the entire 3.0 credit course is offered for \$299.

How to Register for Graduate Credit

Request a registration form via email through discovery@worldstrides.org, complete, and submit it to Wendy Amato, WorldStrides' Director of Education.

Contact WorldStrides Academics via discovery@worldstrides.org for up-to-date scheduling information and to learn more.