Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program Summary

Institution: Colorado State University Extension

Program: Energy Master Program

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The Colorado Energy Master program offers participants an unbiased, comprehensive overview of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Colorado.

The program is intended to empower Coloradans to make wise energy decisions and to provide the background information needed to understand broad energy issues that affect us all. The program offers up to 30 hours of coursework and is open to anyone, including those wishing to become certified Colorado Energy Masters.

The Colorado Energy Master Program is similar in design to the highly successful Colorado Master Gardener and Native Plant Master programs. The Colorado Energy Master program offers three courses – with three classes per course – designed to provide a comprehensive overview of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Colorado.

The courses are intended for homeowners, retirees, recent college graduates, realtors, environmental and energy educators, teachers, LEED-accredited individuals, and interested members of the general public.

Why should you take a Colorado Energy Master course?

- Explore big picture issues like energy sources, energy policy, climate change, and transportation fuel alternatives
- Learn about the latest options and try out decision tools for home energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Gain experience conducting basic home energy assessments
- Interact with others who share an interest in Colorado energy issues
- Earn professional development credit as a teacher, realtor, or LEED professional

No prerequisite knowledge is required for any of the courses, although taking the courses sequentially will ensure that one gets the most out of each course.

Participants are encouraged to take all three courses on their way to becoming a certified Colorado Energy Master.