Teach, Lead, Manage: A Tall Ship Adventure


Spend seven days aboard the brand new 200-foot Tall Ship Oliver Hazard Perry sailing the coastal waters of New England while building your leadership, communication, management and teaching skills. Take part in a Seamanship Course which will serve as an adventure filled backdrop to an innovative course on Quality Educator Relations designed to improve your ability to teach, lead and manage—regardless of your profession. Assist seventeen professional crew in the operation of this magnificent ship as it sails from the historic city of Newport, Rhode Island in Narragansett Bay to Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, by Cape Cod and up the Atlantic Coast to northern ports. Learn to work as a team as you hoist and brace the yards on the ship’s 130-foot tall rig and take the helm to guide the ship’s course on a voyage of discovery. Translate the shipboard experience into innovative ideas for teaching, communicating and leading with the help of university faculty members trained in educational theory, technology and film.

Participants are not passengers; they will share fully in the responsibility of the ship’s operation. This education-at-sea course is designed for educators, counselors, supervisors, school support staff, and college students who want to communicate more effectively with others and create productive learning environments. Research has shown that working as a crew member in training on a Tall Ship provides a unique opportunity to acquire and exercise effective communication skills. Be prepared to work hard and have an adventure of a lifetime!

Offered by Salve Regina University and Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island (OHPRI). Program Leaders: Dr. Kathleen Vespia, Coordinator of Secondary Education, Salve Regina University and Roy Bergstrom, Lead Media and Information Technologist, University of Rhode Island.

Program Highlights

- Learn navigation, seamanship, sail handling, & knot tying
- Work aloft with breath-taking views from a 130-ft-tall rig
- Feel wind on your face while steering a 500-ton ship
- Travel intricate New England coastline under wind
- Practice safety drills; learn habits vital to live safely at sea
- Learn old songs sailors sang and stories they told
- See creatures from bioluminescent plankton to whales
- Watch sunrises, sunsets, and the arc of the night sky
- Visit charming historic ports throughout New England
- Return to land with a new perspective
Academic Focus
For the crew of Sailing School Vessel Oliver Hazard Perry, the realities of shipboard life demand a dynamic personal and communal framework to respond to the continual, ever-shifting stimulation. Whether it’s the attitude of the weather or of their shipmates, a Tall Ship sailor works as part of the whole to solve the problem. Participants in this ten day excursion will draw from the experience of Tall Ship sailing to understand the Process Communication Model® and experience its benefits. This course at sea provides two major learning opportunities. First, participation in a Quality Educator Relations© course where you will learn various ways of communicating with and motivating others as well as strategies for meeting the needs of people, managing stress and promoting a productive working environment. Second, instruction in the use of film for designing, creating, and delivering meaningful lessons for a variety of professional contexts. The internationally recognized, research based concepts of the Process Communication Model® developed by Dr. Taibi Kahler, a clinical psychologist from Purdue University, will be the foundation of the instruction.

Course Expectations
Faculty leaders may schedule pre-underway meetings and assignments as needed prior to program departure. Students must complete the online Personality Profile Inventory (PPI), three weeks prior to departure. A link will be provided. Students must complete required readings prior to sailing. Students will stand watch and follow all orders and instructions of OHPRI crew onboard. All students will produce a short film that incorporates the key concepts of the Process Communication Model® and provides an engaging learning experience for others. (Salve Regina Secondary Education majors will have completed the final course module, Developing Effective Communication Skills in SCD410 Classroom Management)

Eligibility Requirements
Participants must be 18 years or older and willing and capable of following professional crew instructions, including emergency procedures. OHPRI reserves the right to deny admission to any student based on evidence that the participants presence may negatively affect the operations of the ship and safety of the crew.

How to Apply
Complete online application and submit all required supplemental materials by June 1. Detailed application instructions available at: http://salve.edu/study-abroad/short-term-programs

Program Fee $1750
Included in these fees:
- On board lodging in climate controlled, modern, multi-person berths and three meals a day.
- Seamanship Course taught by OHP professional crew
- Quality Educator Relations course
- Certificate of Completion
- Course materials.
- Official excursions and entrance fees.

Not Included in this fee:
- Transportation to and from Newport. Personal expenses in port.

Payment Schedule
Full Payment Due by June 15, 2015.
Your payment holds your space in the program. Please be aware that there is a withdrawal and refund policy outlined in your Participation Agreement.

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The SSV Oliver Hazard Perry is a US documented vessel, inspected and certified by the US Coast Guard. Safety standards for Sailing School Vessels differ from those of passenger vessels on a comparable route, because persons aboard training ships are not passengers but participants who fully share in the ship’s operation. SSV Oliver Hazard Perry will meet or exceed all safety requirements for a vessel of her size and class.