

Community Education – Spring Quarter 2026

Course Title: Earthquake Preparedness

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Course Details

- Item # 43719
- Fee \$49.00
- CTC campus (18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd), in-person, Room # 338
- Monday afternoons, April 13 and 20, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Course Description

Learn about the geology of earthquakes and why the Pacific Northwest is at high risk in the future. Gain insight into how a major earthquake can impact our local communities. Understand what preventative and mitigative actions you can take to enhance your safety and survival prospects for your home and family.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand the factors that cause an earthquake, and the level of risk associated with it
- What real-world strategies can you take to better ensure your survival after an earthquake?

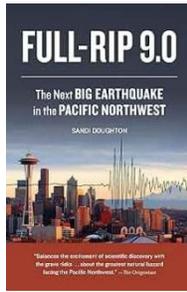
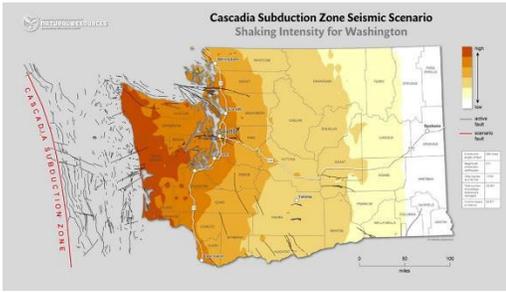
Course Schedule

Week 1

Description of Plate Tectonic Theory, how earthquakes are caused, types of earthquakes, early warning signs, and physical damage caused by earthquakes. History Channel Film: The Deepest Place on Earth.

Week 2

Evidence for big Pacific Northwest earthquakes, risks and impacts. What preventative, planning, and adaptive/mitigative actions can be taken now for your house, car, and family?



Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- USGS Earthquake page: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/earthquakes>

Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
- If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
- Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
- If you don't receive one, contact:
 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939

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