



Forestry Technician: Ecosystem Management



Job Outlook

Employment
Rate
86%

Average Hourly
Wage
\$31.00

(Canada Job Bank, Nov 2023)

Northwestern Ontario is known for its vast forests – a beautiful and renewable resource, if managed properly. Students learn how to balance the social, economic and ecological aspects of our natural resources so that the region and the people continue to grow and thrive.

Confederation College's Forestry Technician - Ecosystem Management two-year co-op diploma program prepares students for a career in all areas of forestry. Topics in this program include tree and shrub identification, soils and geomorphology, harvesting and wood products, insects and disease, forest plant biology, silviculture, fire management, fish and wildlife management and geographical information systems (GIS) and more. It is a balance of class work, field study and placements for a well-rounded education. Graduates can transfer directly into the third-year of Lakehead University's Faculty of Natural Resource Management four-year program, to obtain a degree.

Upon graduation, job vacancies are available in the Thunder Bay area and across Canada. Graduates go on to a variety of positions in government or industry including Resource Technician, Forest Survey Technician, Fire Ranger, Conservation Officer, Scaler, Harvesting Supervisor, Silviculture Technician, Fish and Wildlife Technician and Park Ranger.

Credential Upon Completion	Ontario College Diploma
Annual Fees (CAD)	\$18,764 + \$1,240 program costs (2024-25)
English Proficiency	IELTS 6.0, no band lower than 5.5
Eligible Applicants	High School Diploma
Intake	September