



Overview

Confederation College's Forestry Technician: Ecosystem Management two-year co-op diploma program prepares you for a career in all areas of forestry including forest management, forest resource conservation and protection, silviculture, fish and wildlife, fire management, research support, recreation and nature interpretation.

You'll learn how to balance the social, economic and ecological aspects of our natural resources so that our region – and our people – will continue to grow and thrive.

The skills learned in this program are transferrable across Canada and around the world. Topics include tree & shrub identification, soils & geomorphology, harvesting & wood products, forest operations, the history and culture of Canadian Indigenous Peoples, insects & disease, forest plant biology, silviculture, fire management, fish & wildlife management and geographical information systems (GIS).



Top Highlights

- Program includes two mandatory paid co-op placements after the second and fourth semesters of hands-on work experience. Placements are approx. 16 weeks in duration during the summer months
- 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



Learner Testimonial

The Forestry Technician program at Confederation College is truly one-of-a-kind. You will not find more knowledgeable mentors anywhere. All the faculty members associated with the program are extremely professional and personable all while being extremely experienced in this field of study. The hands-on learning component of this program is a true asset and a wonderful learning experience that will be useful in your day-to-day work activities guaranteed. They are all very qualified with many years of government and industry experience and are not only willing but happy to pass on their wisdom and knowledge to the people who will one day play a crucial role in the sustainable management of the natural resources making this country so unique and wonderful.

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Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

Other Courses Recommended

- Grade 11 or 12 College or University Preparation Chemistry and Biology.

Alternative Pathways

If you do not meet the entrance requirements, or if you want to earn some credits toward the Forestry Technician: Ecosystem Management diploma while exploring your career options in Technology, we encourage you to apply for the Pre-Technology-Trades program.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Forestry Technician: Ecosystem Management program 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. However, this program can also provide a strong background for others living and working in the forest in areas including eco-tourism and recreation, research and academics and development of projects that have an impact on our forests.

Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements for more information.

First Semester

CS 050 College Writing
NR 100 Natural Resource Measurements
NR 110 Tree and Shrub Identification
NR 130 Soils and Geomorphology
NR 180 Fall Field School
MA 115 Applied Math for Technology I
MC 165 Microsoft Office

Second Semester

CS 219 Communications for Technology
MA 215 Applied Math for Technology II
NR 213 Geographical Information Systems I
NR 215 Plant Biology
NR 216 Introductory Ecology
FW 211 Forest Operations
FW 355 Forest Tech Co-op Work Term I

Third Semester

FW 300 Forest Inventory
FW 313 Natural Resources Economics & Business
FW 311 Geographical Information Systems II
FW 312 Silviculture
FW 314 Forest Health
FW 315 Fall Field School
FW 316 Harvesting & Wood Products
GE 060 Supervisory Skills & Conflict Resolution

Fourth Semester

FW 423 Fish & Wildlife Management
FW 421 Forest Fire Ecology & Management
FW 422 Forest Management Planning
FW 410 Photogrammetry & Mapping
FW 655 Forest Tech Co-op Work Term II
GE 059 People and the Forest
GE General Elective

There are two paid summer co-op work placements in the program. The first co-op FW355 occurs between semesters two and three, and the second co-op FW655 follows semester four.

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