

Natural Resources Technician

• *Certificate of Completion*

The natural resources technician program is a one-year certificate program that trains students in the basic understanding of ecosystems, safe and accurate measurement techniques, and natural resource management. It focuses on training students to work as seasonal or permanent technicians in agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Fish and Wildlife Department, and the Chelan County PUD. Job tasks with these agencies might include identifying plants or animals, testing water quality, counting and tagging animals, building trails, measuring trees, and navigating to a site using maps and global positioning. The courses emphasize field application of learned information and techniques.

This program is currently undergoing revision. A second year leading to an Associate of Technical Science degree is being developed for the 2009-10 academic year. Current information on this, and other newly developed programs, can be found on the WVC Workforce Education Web site at www.wvc.edu/programs/prof-tech.

Core program courses may have prerequisite requirements. English and mathematics courses require qualifying assessment score or acceptable preparatory coursework on those subjects. See course description for details.

Fall		Credits
NATR 108	Exploring Natural Resources	3
NATR 113	NCW Plant Identification	3
NATR 114	NCW Animal Identification	3
NATR 103	Field Safety and Preparedness	3
Winter		Credits
MATH 90	Basic Mathematics (or higher).....	5
ENGL 100	Writing in the Workplace (or higher).....	5
BIT 105	Computer Applications	5
Spring		Credits
BIT 116	Professional Work Relations.....	3
NATR 115	Natural Resource Field Survey: Plants of NCW	3
NATR 116	Natural Resource Field Survey: Animals of NCW	3
NATR 102	Maps and Navigation	3
Summer		Credits
NATR 196	Natural Resources Occupational Experience*	1-5
OCED 110	Career Assessment	2
Elective credits	5
	Total for Certificate	46

*May be completed in any quarter.