



New Faller Training Program

Overview

The New Faller Training Program, offered in partnership with the BC Forest Safety Council, was created to ensure new fallers entering the workforce are properly trained and prepared to work in a safe, productive manner by maintaining the BC Faller Training Standard. The New Faller Training program includes 30 days closely supervised field and classroom training followed by up to 180 days of falling activity under close supervision, before taking the faller certification exam. WorkSafeBC (WSBC) requires all fallers in BC to be certified. Upon completion of the program and after receiving a recommendation from their Qualified Supervisor, students will be given the opportunity to apply for certification through the BC Forest Safety Council (additional fee required).

The training that you are enrolling for is the 30 day portion of the program and you are responsible for coordinating your own post-course employment, as a trainee faller, while you work towards certification.

Career Opportunities

Students will be prepared for employment as Fallers in BC. New Faller Training Program graduates are in demand. The workforce is aging, and employers need professionally trained and certified fallers to fill vacancies created by increased retirement rates in this industry. This training is also suitable for other careers such as city workers, seismic crews and other employment related to chainsaw use.

Program Requirements

There is no formal application process for this program. It is strongly recommended that students have good reading and comprehension skills and basic science and math skills to be successful in this program.

Recommended Personal Characteristics

This industry is physically demanding. Students must be physically fit and in good health.

How to Register

To register to reserve your seat, contact the College of the Rockies: Carol Loader or Gloria Hiraoka at 250-344-5901

Start Date and Registration Deadline

To be determined: Contact the College of the Rockies: Carol Loader or Gloria Hiraoka at 250-344-5901



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Fees

The tuition for the program is \$10,500 +HST. An estimated cost of \$8,000 is required for equipment, accommodation and transportation. These costs vary depending on the living out arrangements. Equipment needed includes everything the trainee will need for course completion and to be fully equipped to begin work as a faller upon course completion. The course is subject to cancellation if insufficient enrolments are achieved. Please note that due to the high costs to run this program your tuition fees will be non-refundable 2 weeks prior to the start date when it is determined if the course is viable. Note: Fees are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

This program does not meet student loan requirements. If you are currently on or have been on employment insurance benefits you may be eligible to apply for funding for this program. To find out more, please contact your local employment agency. Aboriginal students may be eligible for funding through their band. Please contact your local band office directly for more information.

Graduation Requirements

Full participation and attendance is required in the 30 field and classroom days. Successful completion of the written/verbal examination and field evaluation is required. A minimum passing grade of 75 percent is required for both the written/verbal examination and the field evaluation.

*Students should be aware that Workers Compensation coverage is not available in this course unless you are being paid by an employer to attend. If you are being paid by an employer to attend the program, any WorkSafeBC claim for injury would be made through your employer.

Program Goals

Participants in the program will:

1. Develop the skills and knowledge expected in the industry.
2. Understand the BC Faller Training Standard and become familiar with the WCB regulations that apply to the industry.
3. Work through a Field Skills Record Book. Students must demonstrate the ability to safely perform the skills before progressing to the next level.
4. Apply theory through hands-on practical training.



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Program Format

The program is set up with 30 days of closely supervised field and classroom training. The field training location varies depending on available timber supply. The classroom training may be completed in the evening and the instructor will discuss the schedule during the first week of training. Allow up to 40 days to complete the 30 days of training To allow for inclement weather or other delays. Registered students will be notified of the timber site approximately two weeks prior to the start of the course.

Program Outline

1. Logging Introduction
2. Identifying Safe Work Procedures
3. Maintaining and Operating Equipment
4. Demonstrate Chainsaw Operation
5. Techniques and Procedures
6. Site Assessment
7. Danger Tree Assessment
8. Managing Faller Hazards
9. Safety Meetings and Emergency Evacuation Procedures
10. Limbing and Bucking
11. Use of Axes and Wedges
12. Upslope Falling

Post Course Certification requirements

Completion of the 30 day training program authorizes the trainee faller to work as a trainee faller in BC under the direction of a Qualified Supervisor. Applicants are strongly recommended to ask potential employers if they meet the definition of Qualified Supervisor in OH&SR 26.22.1 prior to enrolling in the course. The BC Forest Safety Council Falling Supervisor Certification is one method of determining the competency of a Falling Supervisor.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- What if I have prior falling experience?

There is a challenge process for experienced and qualified fallers that have the appropriate experience and references. Contact the BC Forest Safety Council at 1-877-741-1060 for more information.

- What is the format of the course?

The program is set up with 30 days of closely supervised field training. The classroom portion takes place in the evenings or during days that have poor weather conditions. The field training location varies depending on available timber supply. Registered students will be notified of the timber site approximately two weeks prior to the start of the course.

- How many students are in the class?

There are typically 6 seats available for each course and they are on a first come first serve basis. Certain funding agencies require specific minimums and we are flexible to meet those numbers i.e. ESA funded courses required 12 seats). If you are serious about taking the course we recommend that you register as soon as possible as seats go quickly.

- What are the prerequisites for this course?

There is no formal application process for this program. It is strongly recommended that students have good reading and comprehension skills and basic science and math skills to be successful in this program. You will need to be physically fit to keep up in the field. Having prior chainsaw experience will be an asset.

- Is there a work placement?

You are responsible for setting up a paid work placement with a falling company prior to entering the program.

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If you need more direction with this, please contact the BC Forest Safety Council at 1-877-741-1060.



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➤ What is the cost of the program?

The Program Tuition Fee is \$10,500 plus HST. (Note: Fees are subject to change.). Additional Fees of approximately \$8,000 are required for equipment, accommodation, and transportation. Equipment needed includes everything the trainee will need for course completion and to be fully equipped to begin work as a faller upon course completion. Please note that due to the high costs to run this program your fees will be non-refundable 2 weeks prior to the start date.

➤ What about accommodations and food?

Accommodations are the responsibility of the trainee. Payment must be paid up front. You are responsible for purchasing all meals. Please allow for a 40 day period when planning for these costs before you leave home. It can be difficult to get to a bank because of the hours of this program and the distance away from town. Instructors will not be giving loans to students. It is our intent to identify an accommodation within close proximity to the field training site to save on travel time and to minimize coordination for instructors. Instructors also use hotel rooms as a backup to review material in the event of inclement weather. Students enrolled in the New Faller Training Program will receive accommodation information as soon as it becomes available.

➤ Will I need a vehicle?

You will be expected to arrange your own transportation for the first week to the classroom. Students may wish to make their own arrangements to carpool. Transportation to the field site will be provided. Please ensure that you have the appropriate automobile liability insurance in place.

➤ What supplies do I need to purchase?

The instructor will contact you to review the equipment requirements with you prior to you purchasing any equipment. Feel free to bring any supplies you already have. This will ensure your supplies meet the regulations of the BC Forest Safety Council, and you receive the discount from the local suppliers.

➤ Do I get a break on the Additional Fees if I already have a saw and other supplies?

No. Once you begin working in this field, you will find that it is required to have a spare saw and extra gear. In addition, you are receiving a significant discount on the price of this equipment through the program. This gives you the opportunity to be outfitted with brand new equipment at a much lower rate than would normally be available.

➤ Do I get a break on the Additional Fees if I can commute from home and do not require accommodation for the field portion of the program?

Yes. However, depending on the distance you have to travel, we recommend you stay with the group to ensure you get adequate rest to be prepared for training. Some training occurs in the evening.



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- What are my chances for employment after completing this program?

Your chances of work are great. BC Forest Safety Council and industry information reports there is a shortage of fallers in British Columbia.

- What happens after the 30 days of training is complete?

You will receive a field skills log book that has a record of your performance and a recommendation from the instructor. You will then work closely supervised up to 180 days or on rare occasions, you will be ready to apply directly for certification through the BC Forest Safety Council. There is an additional fee for certification with the BC Forest Safety Council.

- Am I Covered under WorkSafeBC?

Workers' Compensation coverage is not available for participants in this course unless they are being paid by their employer to attend the course. If a participant is paid by their employer to attend the course, then any WorkSafeBC claim for injury would be made through the individual's employer. Students may wish to arrange additional medical insurance.

- How do I register for this course?

If you have all your questions answered and are prepared to pay your deposit, please call:

- The College of the Rockies: Carol Loader or Gloria Hiraoka at 250-344-5901.

- If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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- BC Forest Safety Council at 1-877-741-1060



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Lead Instructor

To be confirmed

Call the instructor prior to purchasing any equipment as instructor is to oversee that it is appropriate for the timber type and terrain. Equipment can be purchased from the recommended saw shop. The saw shop will be confirmed prior to starting the course.

Equipment

Important notes:

- All listed items are mandatory
- A complete first aid kit will be available on-site in trainer's vehicle.
- Accommodation **MUST** be paid upon arrival - no exceptions. Costs can vary from \$500 to \$1500 - ask for details from instructor **BEFORE** arriving.
- As in actual faller working environments, this is a 'dry camp' with strict policies which prohibit alcohol or non-prescription drug use. Violators will have their training terminated with **NO** tuition refund.
- New Faller Training students must be equipped with at least 1 saw of suitable size (see page 8) and in excellent condition. You will be working in various timber sizes and ground slopes from flat to 60 %.
- Students who arrive missing any listed items, will not be allowed to participate in training until properly equipped
- **A professional faller will always have an additional (spare) chainsaw and graduates of New Faller Training will be expected to have 2 chainsaws prior to being hired to work.**



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Supply List for New Faller Trainees

Equipment Description	Approximate Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw suitable for timber type with bar size of 32" – 36" and associated tools: Stihl 660 Husqvarna 390	1309.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare chainsaw chain , JP Orgeon type, anti-kick chain: Stihl chainsaw: 75 JP Orgeon Husky chainsaw: 73 JP Orgeon	40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Bar: Stihl: 75 gauge Husky: 73 gauge	95.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare rewind rope for chainsaw	1.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Files: 12 round, size 7/32" or 13/64" AND 2 flat files	27.30
<input type="checkbox"/> File guide: Husky brand, 3/8", blue roller type, <u>no substitutes</u>	14.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bar nuts, sprocket and clip and assorted bolts	20.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas and oil containers , CSA Approved: 1 gal. combi-can type AND 20 litre gas can	25.35
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-mix for gas: 6 small bottles (500 ml.)	25.65
<input type="checkbox"/> Chain oil: 4 cases of 1 gallon containers	See Instructor
<input type="checkbox"/> Axe: 27" x 3 ½ lb with pinned head	26.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Wedges: 3 - 10" single taper, KD type AND 3 – 12" KD type only, red and white	53.55
<input type="checkbox"/> Wedge pouch for 3 wedges	18.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Wedge belt: shoulder straps preferred	29.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Falling tape: Husquvarna , 20 metres spare tape cartridge	102.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare tape rewind	23.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio , suitable for outdoor use with mic: Radio frequency - 152.990: tone - 88.5	594.00
**Talk to trainer for Training frequency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ear muff head set	140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio chest pack for map	65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher for wedge belt: squeeze type	13.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Packsack: durable, army surplus type	60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail marking ribbon: 3 rolls, marked with 'TRAIL', blue or pink	9.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Watch: clip-on type	12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water container for field use: minimum 2 liters	6.00
Total Approximate Cost	2712.20



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Faller's Personal Protective Equipment Supply List

Equipment Description	Approximate Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat (orange) , with face screen, and ear muffs, in good condition	74.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves: 6 pairs white, nylon type at \$1.35 ea	8.10
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses (optional)	13.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Caulk boots , leather or rubber, in good condition	159.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare caulks for boots	35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit for wedge belt and extra pressure dressing	12.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Falling Pants: 3600 or 4100 threshold chain-speed (red or yellow label), in good condition	156.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspenders: button type	23.45
<input type="checkbox"/> Whistle: Fox 40 type	4.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Hi-Vis apparel:	
long sleeve shirt with 120 square inches of reflective on front and back	25.00
rain coat (optional) must be Hi Vis with reflective markings	90.00
rain pants (optional)	90.00
Total Approximate Cost	694.10

Estimated Fuel costs

<input type="checkbox"/> 150 litres gas @ \$1.30 (estimate market price)	195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 cases of chain oil @\$47 each case	188.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Premix oil 500m litre X 6 @ \$ 4.75	28.50
* Discuss fuel arrangements with instructor	
Total Approximate Cost	411.50

**Remember ! You will be staying in a camp or motel situation
 - do not forget personal necessities - review check list!**

Faller's Personal Supply List

- First Aid Ticket:** if valid
- Clean Footwear for indoors at camp (slippers, sandals, etc.)**
- Adequate cash for 30 days (possibly no ATMs, banks or credit card options available)**
- Bug Spray**
- Sun Screen**
- Personal Toiletries (towel, soap, shampoo, deodorant, razor, etc.)**
- Several changes of clothes**
- Personal medical supplies (aspirin, Rx medications, etc.)**
- Alarm clock**
- Spare glasses or eye wear (if required)**
- Optional Personal Supply List:**
 - Self-entertainment, if desired
 - Fishing rod, tackle, Camera, charger, batteries, case, PC, disks, charger, power cord
 - Sunglasses, Cell phone, charger