



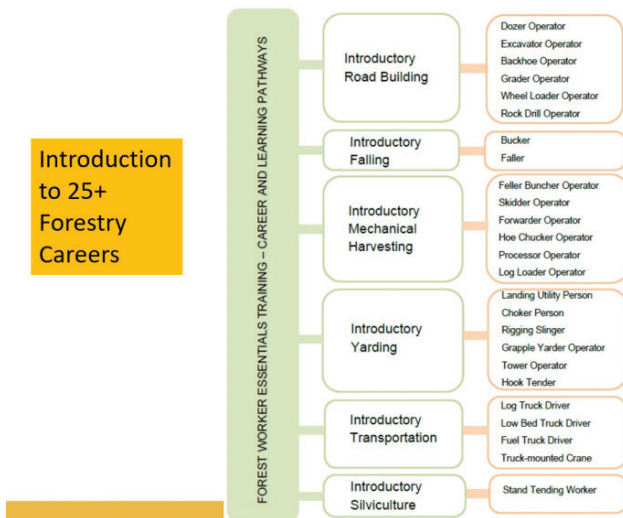
Forest Worker Essentials

In our September 2021 FSN, we reported the Forest Worker Essentials program will be available to approved training providers in 2022.

This program is intended as a worker-readiness training program and designed to align with the worker training and assessment resources available on BCFSC's website. Additionally, after the program graduates have secured employment, their employers can choose to utilize optional BCFSC on-the-job training and assessment materials to support worksite development.

The Forest Worker Essentials content includes an introduction to over 25 forestry-related careers.

Forest Worker Essentials Program Overview



The program includes the following components:

Employable Skills

- WHMIS
- Fall Protection
- S-100
- First Aid Level 1 with Transportation Endorsement

Foundation

- Describe Essential Skills
- Describe and Apply Employability Skills

General Forestry Occupational Skills

- Describe Forest Industry
- Personal and Worksite Safety
- Communicate in the Workplace
- Workplace Documentation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Describe and Apply Workplace Attributes

Legislation and Regulation

- Regulations and Legislation related to General Forestry
- Regulations and Standards Related to Heavy Equipment

Hazards

- Risk & Risk Control
- Recognize, Evaluate, and Control Hazards related to:
 - General Forestry

- Yarding
- Falling
- Road Building

Yarding and Mechanized Harvesting

- Signals Used in Forestry and Apply Basic Rigging Practices
- Yarding and Mechanized Harvesting Equipment
- Harvesting Methods
- Winch Assist

Road Building

- Describe Road Building Equipment

- Job Control and Engineering Basics
- Soil and Aggregates
- Environmental Awareness, Protection and Enhancement

Mechanical

- Tools and Equipment for Heavy Machinery
- General Heavy Equipment Inspection and Maintenance Procedures
- Mechanical Systems

Stand Tending

- Describe Stand Tending

Other Skills

- Resource Road Driver Knowledge Unit
- Describe and Operate Chainsaw

Program Highlights:

- The program is for a minimum of six weeks, plus optional one week simulators
- 15 days industry orientation; 14 days field site/hands on/practical/guest speakers
- There is flexibility to consider regional needs; a training provider can add more hands-on content that is relevant to the employers in their area
- Instructors have 10 years general forest industry related experience
- Industry participation is built into this program and is critical for success
- The intent is to provide new workers that employers want to hire
- Graduates will have a base-level of knowledge and be ready to learn on the job

Who can deliver this program?

- The program can be delivered by:
 - Educational institutions
 - First nations organizations
 - Employers
 - Industry associations
 - Others that have entered into a Service Agreement with BC Forest Safety Council
- There is a rigorous application process for training providers to ensure that the training standard is upheld
- Approved training providers can deliver the Forest Worker Essentials program standalone, or add other content to it as part of their program

Applications to deliver the program in 2022 are available on our [website](#).

If you have any questions about the Forest Worker Essentials Training Program, please contact **Allison Thompson**, BCFSC Manager Training & Standards. 📞



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BCFSC Training Activity Shifts into 2022

2021 TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

2021 has been a busy year for BCFSC-supported training. Despite COVID-19 challenges, approximately 900 people were able to safely participate in BCFSC in-person training and many more accessed our online training. This training success was a direct result of the support from our instructors, training participants and venues.

Here are some 2021 training highlights: (as of Nov. 4)

In-person Training

- 80 Basic Chainsaw Operator
- 40 Basic Incident Investigation
- 161 Forest Supervisor (Modules 1-3)
- 25 Falling Supervisor
- 568 Resource Road Training

Online Training

- 31 Serious Incident and Fatality Investigation
- 31 Phase Congestion
- 881 Resource Road Knowledge Unit
- 78 Forest Safety Overview
- 345 Small Employer Initial and Refresher

In total, over 2,500 people participated in BCFSC's various training programs.

In 2021, BCFSC made numerous changes to improve content and access to training. Our Resource Road Driver and Forest Supervisor courses were both updated with new content and improved delivery style. Additionally, Small Employer OHS training and Falling Supervisor training are both in development for new content and a fresh look for 2022. We also added new, free online courses on Phase Congestion, Blasting for Road Building, Wood Fiber Manufacturing Hazard ID & Risk Assessment, Professional Industry Driver, Yarding, Trainer and Assessor.

Upcoming 2022 Training

Classroom Training Courses

Our classroom participants often tell us that in-person training is important and their learning is reinforced by the interaction and shared experiences with the trainer and other participants. In-person training remains a priority for BCFSC. In 2022, we will continue to work closely with our venues, trainers and service providers to ensure a safe learning environment for all who attend classroom sessions around the province.

Go to our training calendar on our website to see what's offered in your region and click any program in the course list for further details.

Online Training Courses

BCFSC online training is convenient, self-paced, available 24/7 and most courses are available free of charge.

Online training is available for workers and employers in harvesting and wood fibre manufacturing and allows you to access training wherever you are in the province. We are committed to continual improvements in our training programs, so check our social media channels and website regularly for notifications on new courses and course updates.

Check out our FREE online training options now available through our Online Learning Centre:

Self-enroll Courses - Forestry Occupations

- [Basic Forest Worker](#)
- [Professional Industry Driver](#)
- Yarding:
 - [Chokerperson](#)
 - [Grapple Yarder](#)
 - [Hook Tender](#)
 - [Landing/Utility person](#)
 - [Rigging Slinger](#)
 - [Tower Operator](#)

Self-enroll Courses - Manufacturing

- [Wood Products Manufacturing Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment](#)
- Combustible Dust Training for:
 - [Workers](#)
 - [Managers](#)
 - [Contractors](#)

Self-enroll Courses - General

- [Serious Incident Investigation](#)
- [Phase Congestion](#)
- [Blasting Hazards and Safety](#)
- [Resource Road Driver Knowledge Unit](#)
- [Trainer Knowledge Units](#)
- [Assessor Knowledge Units](#)

Requested Training:

We hope to see you at one of our scheduled training courses. However, if the time and place don't work for you we also offer group training sessions by request. We'll work with your company to bring our courses to your location at a time most convenient to you and your operation. Email us at training@bcforestsafe.org to learn more. 📧