



## BCFSC's Requested Training Continues to Grow and is in High Demand this Year

BCFSC requested training brings our courses directly to your preferred location at a convenient time that works for you. It is an excellent option for private groups and offering cost effective savings. Currently we offer the following courses:

- [Falling Supervisor](#)
- [Forest Supervisor Due Diligence](#)
- [Forest Supervisor Communication](#)
- [Forest Supervisor Leadership & Professionalism](#)
- [Basic Incident Investigation](#)
- [Joint Occupational Health and Safety Training](#)

Since May 2022, BCFSC has delivered over 26 requested training sessions, training approximately 200 training participants in locations spread right across the province including: Alkali Lake, Midway, Prince George, Campbell River, Golden, Barriere, Fort St. James and Duncan.

Getting trained on-site with your work peers gives participants the opportunity to ask relevant questions that everyone can connect with and the ability to resonate with the material and relate it directly to their workplace.

If you would like to inquire about requested BCFSC training, contact us as soon as possible. A minimum of three weeks' notice is required to plan and schedule your training. [Email](#) our training department or call 1-877-741-1060 for more information.

If you only have a few workers requiring training and requested training is not a viable option, visit our [training calendar](#) to see all our scheduled courses. 🌲

# Upcoming Training with BCFSC

## Classroom Training

The following in person courses have spaces available. Register early to save your spot.

June 7-8 | Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Campbell River

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

June 10 | Basic Incident Investigation – Campbell River

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation.

June 15-16 | Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Prince George

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

June 23 | Forest Supervisor Communication – Vernon

This one-day classroom workshop will help supervisors and managers improve their communication skills at work.

June 24 | Forest Supervisor Leadership and Professionalism – Vernon

This one-day classroom workshop will help participants understand their strengths and weaknesses, and to recognize how their personal style impacts the workers they supervise.

Refer to the Training section of our website for more information on upcoming classroom training and costs.

## Online Training

New Online Training – Two more courses have been added to the Wood Products Manufacturing Supervisor Training Program. **Orientation, Training and Skills Development and Hazard Identification, Inspections and Incident Investigation** are available at no charge for BC forest companies. Click here to self-enrol: [Online Learning Centre – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

Worker Assessment and Training - Each forestry occupation requires different knowledge and skillsets to perform the job at hand. BCFSC worked with



industry to develop competency-based standards, training and assessment tools to help employers evaluate workers and complete on-the-job training. [Worker Training and Assessment – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

Check out our FREE online training and assessment forms for Basic Forest Workers,

Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.

## Requested Training

We also provide requested training bringing courses directly to your preferred location at a convenient time that works for you. Contact our Training Department for more information [training@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:training@bcforestsafesafe.org).

## Bringing Quality Individuals into the Forestry Sector

Article submitted from [Logging and Sawmill Journal](#)

The Interior Logging Association (ILA) is continuing to work on initiatives with the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) and the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) in Merritt on workforce attraction and industry specific training, to bring quality individuals into the forestry sector.

The ILA, BCFSC and NVIT are collectively working on the development and delivery of a new program specific to the forestry industry called the Forest Workers Essentials Program.

This program will be delivered utilizing funding obtained by NVIT and is a six

week program with both classroom and in field instruction. Curriculum for this program will include guest speakers, certification courses, a mentoring program, First Nations education of respecting the land during logging processes, and equipment simulators where available.

At some of the planned sites, students will be exposed to all areas of forestry including logging operations, log yards, mill sites, road construction, silviculture, and possibly equipment dealers and repair facilities.

The goal of this program will be to produce individuals who are trained, engaged, and ready for a career in the forestry sector as soon as they have completed the course. Successful applicants will be interviewed and vetted prior to entry into the program to ensure long term employment success and retention.

In addition, students will be paired with businesses that require employees, and are willing to mentor individuals with the skills, abilities and desire to work in their areas of expertise. The goal is that at the end of the mentorship period, and upon successful completion of the program, the student will be retained for employment.

“We have good buy-in for the program from the contractor community in Princeton and Merritt,” said Chamberlain.

“Currently, we know there will be a shortage of more than 20,000 forestry workers in the industry in the next 10 years,” he added. “It’s our hope that our three bodies working together can begin to fill those gaps by attracting and retaining the right workers who want to remain in the industry long term.” If successful, the training program could be rolled out in other areas of the province.