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Saskatchewan Environment Career Fact Sheet

Wildfire Management Program



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Why Pursue a Career in Wildfire Management?



Fire management offers exciting career opportunities which include every aspect of managing wildfires to achieve ecological and economic objectives. Protecting people, communities, property and valuable forest resources is a challenging and fulfilling ambition. Fire program careers typically start with seasonal front line positions and progress to year-round forest protection officer and management positions.

Wildfire program staff work with communities, emergency measures organizations, industry and the public to reduce fire danger. There is also a wide variety of support and specialty positions in the wildfire program, such as administration, meteorology, piloting fire suppression aircraft, high tech computerized fire behaviour prediction, heavy equipment management and many others. Extensive training opportunities are available to provide staff with the skills needed to change from one area of interest to another.

How To Become Involved in the Wildfire Program

High school students should take:

English 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 20, Math 30 and Social Studies 30. Entrance standards and minimum averages vary among different post secondary institutes; some require a minimum average of 60 per cent in the above subjects. Basic Computer Science is also recommended.

To progress in Saskatchewan's fire program:

In Saskatchewan, SIAST Woodland Campus in Prince Albert has a very good *Forest Ecosystem Technology* diploma program that can provide you with the educational background you need to apply for a technical/professional job within the Wildfire Program. The entrance requirement is an average of 65 per cent for English A&B and Math 30 A&B. Those who wish to continue with a four-year degree in Environmental Biology at the University of Regina are required to take Math 30 C in high school.

Integrated Resource Management Courses

Integrated resource management course graduates may be accepted from:

- SIAST Woodland Campus, Prince Albert, Sask.
- Lethbridge Community College, Lethbridge, Alta.
- Lakeland College, Vermillion, Alta.
- Malaspina University-College, Nanaimo, B.C.
- Keewatin College, The Pas, Man.
- Sir Sanford Fleming School of Environmental and Natural Resources Sciences, Lindsay, Ont.

(Requirements vary and students should contact the institutions directly for exact requirements.)

Other requirements for employment are:

- physically fit to initial attack crew standards
- fly in helicopters and small fixed-wing aircraft

