



# New Faller Training

## 30 Day Full-time Certificate Program in partnership with the BC Forest Safety Council

### Program Overview

Offered in partnership with the BC Forest Safety Council, the New Faller Training Certificate Program 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 BC Forest Safety Council has a 3-module training process to help fallers prepare for their Faller Certification examinations. The New Faller Training Certificate Program is comprised of the first two modules of this process: Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification & Falling Basics. The program consists of both classroom and closely supervised field training. Upon completion of this program students will receive a field skills log book that has a record of their performance and a recommendation from the instructor. They will either be ready to apply to take the faller certification exam through the BC Forest Safety Council or will need to complete the Safety Council's New Faller Training – Trainee Faller module of up to 180 days of closely supervised falling activity. WorkSafeBC (WSBC) requires all fallers in BC to be certified.

### 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. 100% of recent graduates are employed as Fallers in BC. Many received multiple job offers.

### 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 Worksafe BC 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.



### Program Format

The program consists of Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification & Falling Basics. The Faller Prep course, which includes the Basic Chainsaw Operator certification, consists of 5 days of classroom and hands-on field chainsaw work and takes place from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm daily. The Falling Basics course consists of 25 days of classroom and closely supervised field training. 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.

### 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

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## 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 in Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification, please contact the Centre for Continuing Studies at Vancouver Island University at 1-866-734-6252.

If you have successfully completed Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification and are prepared to pay your deposit for Falling Basics, please contact Deborah Hopper at (250) 740-6580.

## Start Date and Registration Deadline

There are several intakes of this program scheduled throughout the year. For specific start date(s) and deadline(s) check the information sheet or consult the website.

## Fees

The tuition of \$1,500 for Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification is due upon registration.

The tuition for Falling Basics is \$11,000. A deposit is due upon registration to hold your seat. The balance of your tuition is due 6 weeks prior to the start of the course. Please note that due to the high costs to run this program your fees will be non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the start date.

Students should expect to budget \$8,100 for equipment, accommodation, and transportation.

Please Note: In the event of course disruption or delays due to unforeseen changes in market or environmental conditions, students are solely responsible for any and all additional costs related to subsequent program delays including, but not limited to, meals, accommodation, and transportation.

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 throughout the program. Successful completion of all the decision points of the Faller Prep with Basic Chainsaw Operator Certification course is required in order to register in the Falling Basics course. Successful completion of all decision points, the written/oral examinations, and field examinations is required to complete the program. A minimum passing grade of 75 percent is required for all written/oral and field examinations, except the Basic Chainsaw Operator field examination during the Faller Prep course, which requires a grade of 80 percent to pass.

\*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 Worksafe BC claim for injury would be made through your employer.

## For More Information

For more information please refer to our website <http://www.viu.ca/ccs/certificates/nft.asp> or call the Centre for Continuing Studies at Vancouver Island University at 1-866-734-6252.

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## About the Centre for Continuing Studies

The Centre for Continuing Studies at Vancouver Island University serves the education and training needs of thousands of lifelong learners in our region each year. The Centre seeks to expand learning opportunities for adults and to provide a welcome point of contact for business, industry, and individuals interested in accessing extensive educational resources. The Centre links Vancouver Island University with community groups to develop education and training programs for people of all ages for professional, occupational and personal skill development.



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