



VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Employment Skills Access Shellfish Aquaculture Technician Training Program

Are you interested in an exciting career in the shellfish aquaculture industry? Then the Shellfish Aquaculture Technician Training (SATT) Program may be for you. This six week program kicks off with a one-week foundation course that will refresh the participant's knowledge in communication skills, working with others (partners/ teams / leadership), computer skills, numeracy, and document use. The remainder of the program will focus on building awareness and skills in the shellfish industry.



This program is being funded by the Ministry of Jobs, Innovation and Tourism's Essential Skills Access (ESA) Program. Tuition and materials are available for participants that meet the criteria of the ESA program. Funding for this training program will be administered by Vancouver Island University (VIU).

VIU will be running three intakes for this program. The first intake will be starting November 14, 2011 and will run until December 21, 2011. The second intake will take place in March 2012. The third intake will start in May 2012.

Who is this course for?

This course is for those interested in developing skills and knowledge for a successful career in the shellfish aquaculture industry.

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What will the participants gain from this course?

The participants will gain knowledge and valuable skills to help them enter the aquaculture industry. For example, students will learn how to site a shellfish farm, the species currently cultured in BC and emerging new species, market research, water sampling, bivalve biology, farming techniques, production planning, farm safety, as well as the skills and regulatory requirements for harvesting and processing of shellfish. This program offers a combination of practical field work, computer and lab activities, in addition to classroom learning and interaction

Eligibility

This program has been selected to assist unemployed, or low skilled individuals gain employment and will cover all tuition and books for students that meet the eligibility criteria of the ESA program, namely the person:

- Cannot not be on EI or attached to EI in the past three years
- Is low skilled and employed, however, they:
 - Have not completed high school or
 - Have completed high school, but do not have any post secondary education

How to Register

Interested parties should contact:

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Start Date: November 14, 2011

End Date: December 21, 2011



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Location: Depending on the week the training will take place in two locations, namely VIU's Parksville Campus and the Deep Bay Marine Field Station which is located just north of Bowser.

Course List:

Week	Course	Hours	Dates
1	Aquaculture Career Foundation Week (a course in essential skills)	30	Nov. 14 - Nov. 18
2	AQUA 552T Introduction to Shellfish Culture Concepts	35	Nov. 21 - Nov. 25
3	AQUA 553T Shellfish Grow-out Systems	35	Nov. 28 - Nov. 2
4	Introduction to Scallop Farming (Note: Course number is pending)	35	Dec. 5 - Dec. 9
5	AQUA 568T Shellfish Harvesting Processing and Food Safety	35	Dec. 12- Dec. 16
6	AQUA 558T Shellfish Aquaculture Workplace Safety and Food Safety AND AQUA 559T Shellfish Water Quality Monitoring	21	Dec. 19 – Dec. 21

Note on 2012 Spring Program

With the exception of Introduction to Scallop Farming all courses will remain the same for the second intake in March, 2012. Introduction to Scallop Farming will be replaced with AQUA 550T Clam Beach Survey Field Techniques & AQUA 555T Clam Beach Survey Data Analysis.



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