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Science and Technology Programs

Post-Degree Diploma in Natural Resource Law Enforcement

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Post-Degree Diploma

Program Length:

1 Year

The Program

The Post-Degree Diploma in Natural Resource Law Enforcement allows students with degrees related to fish, wildlife, or natural resource science to specialize in natural resource law enforcement. The Post Degree Diploma in Natural Resource Law Enforcement is a full time, two semester face to face program; the program also includes a 2-week (10 day) practicum. Throughout the program experiential learning is emphasized and students have the opportunity to meet and engage with natural resource law officers during field and classroom-based projects and activities. Graduates of the Post-Degree Diploma in Natural Resource Law Enforcement will have the skills and educational background requirements to enter directly into the workforce as natural resource law enforcement officers and inspectors in BC and elsewhere in Canada.

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
RMOT 251 - (Resource Management Seminars)	2
RMOT 260 - (Selected Topics in Natural Resource Law Enforcement)	1
RMOT 271 - (Field Practicum)	2
RMOT 272 - (Fitness, Self Defense, Small Firearms Safety and Practice)	2
RMOT 291 - (Enforcement Project Report I)	3
RMOT 292 - (Enforcement Project Report II)	3
RMOT 294 - (Legal and Investigative Procedures I)	3
RMOT 295 - (Legal and Investigative Procedures II)	3
RMOT 296 - (Court and Administrative Procedures)	3
RMOT 297 - (Wildlife-Human Conflicts)	3
Electives 100-level and above*	6
Total Credits	31

**Electives are to be chosen in consultation with, and must be approved by, the Chair of the Department of Resource Management and Protection.*

Completion Requirements

Grades for individual courses are given in the manner described under the Grading

Policy of this Calendar. The program has minimum standards as follows:

- In order to graduate, no more than 2 "C-" grades can be accumulated over the post-degree diploma program; a minimum "C" grade is required for all other courses.
- Students have a maximum of 2 years in which to complete the post-degree diploma program. Students who do not attain satisfactory grades for all courses in the program within the consecutive 2-year period will be withdrawn from the program. They may, however, reapply after one year.
- Students must complete all program course requirements to the above standards and have an overall GPA of at least 2.0 ("C") in order to be eligible for graduation.

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- Completion of an undergraduate degree specializing in Wildlife, Fisheries, Natural Resources Conservation, Forestry, or a related field from a recognized university with a minimum GPA of 2.33 on the last 60 credits.
- Occupational Level 1 First Aid (or equivalent); must be valid for duration of program.
- Firearms Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) and Restricted PAL (RPAL) License; must be valid for duration of program.
- Personal profile.
- 2 completed referee forms.
- Interview.

Notes on Admission

- Criminal record check may be required by agencies that employ graduates as natural resource officers.
- Good health is essential, as this program includes a standard of physical fitness.
- Enrollment in this program is limited. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in September. Applications for admission are accepted on the first business day of October to March 31. Applications received after March 31 are considered late and will be processed as space permits.

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