

Entry Level

# Forestry Equipment Operator Training Program

*The New Brunswick Forest Industry  
Needs New Equipment Operators!*

## If you are interested in...

- Working outdoors in a 'team' environment;
- The challenge of working independently and important decision-making;
- Working with heavy equipment;
- Learning best practices for managing forests and protecting the environment;
- Living in a rural community with opportunities for advancement.

**...a dynamic and skilled career  
as a forestry equipment operator  
may be right for you!!**

The forestry equipment operator training program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as mechanized forestry equipment operators.

Eligible students may receive funding to support their participation.



# What is Timber Harvesting All About?

With the global demand for forest products growing steadily, a critical factor in the success of the industry is the strength of forestry contractors who provide important services that are primarily responsible for supplying the forest industry with wood fiber.

Logging contractors are small businesses with most employing less than ten people and a few multi-crew operations employing fifty or more. Some are integrated, full-service operations whereas some may specialize in areas such as thinning or in-woods chipping operations.

A conventional logging workday begins early in the morning, often just before sunrise, and ends after a full day's work. Most shifts are 10-12 hours in length.

## The Program

Following a comprehensive application and screening process, eligible students are matched with a harvesting contractor and will participate in three phases over the course of the 25-week program; this includes:

### Forestry 101

**(5 weeks)** - An in-class component to introduce forestry and logging fundamentals, machine types and work environments, preventative maintenance approaches, machine productivity, and other key forestry knowledge. These concepts are delivered through a series of sessions, hands-on exercises, and includes training on equipment simulators.

### Basic Training

**(5 weeks)** – Actual 'seat-time' with one-on-one instruction on active harvesting equipment. Each candidate will be provided operating time on a harvester and forwarder over the five-week training period and will learn about safe and efficient operating techniques, on-board computers, and maintenance best practices.

### Advanced Equipment Operator Training

**(15 weeks)** – Students will go to work with their contractor and be supported with 'on-the-job' coaching directly on the contractor's active operations. The student will work as a member of the team and will receive further instruction and weekly coaching from professional training providers.

Successful graduates would receive a 'certificate of achievement' for the Mechanized Forest Operator Program at NBCC, and upwards of 1,000 credit hours towards the process of becoming recognized under the NB Forestry Equipment Operator Trade Certification Program'

***Take a step to become a skilled forestry equipment operator NOW!***

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Training begins on  
**July 24, 2023**  
in Miramichi, NB

Successful students will be required to pay the \$3,500 tuition prior to the start of the program; applications will be accepted until all 12 seats are filled.

### Questions?

Give us a call!  
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The program is offered through a collaborative partnership with the Canadian Woodlands Forum, BioApplied, Forest Liaison Inc., J.D. Irving, Limited, ForestNB, the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education and Training & Labour, and NBCC-Miramichi.