



First Nations Stewardship Technicians Training Program Cohort 3 – Program Information

The Stewardship Technicians Training Program (STTP) is a partnership between Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative and Vancouver Island University. STTP was custom designed in collaboration with Coastal First Nations' Stewardship offices to provide members the applied skills and knowledge required to work in the field of resource stewardship. This training provides industry-recognized certificates and university credits that can be applied toward further studies.

Learning Goals:

- Certificates:
 - RISC: Archeology and CMT inventory certification
 - BC Parks Administration certificate
- Knowledge and experience in: monitoring environmental compliance, protected area management, and small motor servicing and electrical systems.
- Improved essential skills (writing, reading and computer skills) through one-on-one mentorship/coaching.
- University credits that can be put toward VIU certificate and undergraduate programs in Natural Resource Management.

Program Delivery:

- Program is offered as a one level adapted program delivered in three two-week sessions over one year: Level 1 (November 2017 to March 2018).
- Tuition fees, learning resources, travel and accommodation costs are supported.
- Cohort 3 is an adapted program that does not include the Environmental Technicians Certificate courses offered to Cohorts 1 and 2. We are currently seeking funding to provide that certificate to students in Cohort 3.



Program Schedule

Year 1: November – March

Course Name	Brief Description	Date/Location *
Compliance Communications and Resource Monitoring (Part 1, RMOT 165)	Gain knowledge of environmental legislation, improve communication skills, and learn safety protocols for conducting field checks to monitor compliance.	November 7-11, 2017/ Prince Rupert
Cultural Awareness	Focusing on First Nations of the north and central coasts and Haida Gwaii, learn about Indigenous laws, governance, understandings, and knowledge related to stewardship of the lands and seas. This course includes two field days offered in community and on the territory with Elders from your Nation during summer.	November 13-17, 2017/ Prince Rupert
Archaeology and Culturally Modified Tree Inventory	Learn how to undertake archaeological inventories that contribute to management plans for cultural and heritage protection. Includes RISC Certification.	January 8-12, 2018/ Prince Rupert
Compliance Communications and Resource Monitoring (Part 2, RMOT 165)	Gain knowledge of environmental legislation, improve communication skills, and learn safety protocols for conducting field checks to monitor compliance.	January 14-18, 2018/ Prince Rupert
Intro to Parks and Protected Area Management (RMOT 202)	Examine park systems, management, facilities, and engagement of visitors and resource users. The module will include the BCIT Parks Administration course and exam	February 19-24, 2018/ Prince Rupert
Small Motors Servicing and Electrical Systems (RMOT 151)	Introduction to the operation and maintenance of small two- and four-stroke engines. Includes troubleshooting and field repair.	February 26 - March 1, 2018/ Prince Rupert



Admission Information:

- Eligible participants include unemployed, underemployed, or employed but requiring skills upgrades members, employees and/or residents of First Nations communities on BC's North and Central Coast and Haida Gwaii.
- Participants must have Grade 10 or higher, be 19 years or older, and be in good physical condition.
- Strong preference given to participants who intend to complete all courses.
- Sixteen students are admitted per cohort with priority given to CFN member nations.

Additional Information:

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