

# Forest & Rangeland Stewardship

## Rangeland Concentration

### Warner College

Rangelands cover close to 50% of the earth's surface, including grasslands, scrublands, deserts and tundra. Rangeland ecologists manage the living organisms in these complex ecosystems. Grounded in ecology, the program prepares students to understand and manage the wildlife, water, vegetation, and recreational resources unique to rangelands. Students will also study topics such as environmental policy, restoration ecology, and grazing and livestock management.

In the process of obtaining this degree, students generally qualify for the Rangeland Management Series, 0454, developed by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management for jobs on USAJOBS.GOV (the U.S. Federal Government's hiring system).

#### First-Destination Employers

- USDA Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA - Agricultural Research Service
- Boulder County Parks & Open Space
- CACI International Inc
- U.S. Geological Survey
- AECOM Design & Planning
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Lincoln County
- Santa Fe Botanical Garden

#### First-Destination Job Titles

- Range Management Specialist
- Natural Resource Specialist
- Rangeland Technician
- Ecological Technician
- Invasive Species Specialist
- Research Technician
- Biological Science Aid
- Land Use Administrator
- Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leader

#### Mid Level Positions

*\*may require more experience or education*

- Senior Restoration Ecologist
- Environmental Scientist
- Natural Resources Manager
- Range Manager
- Environmental Consultant
- District Conservationist
- Research Specialist

#### FACTORS of SUCCESS

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Engagement with CSU Career Center

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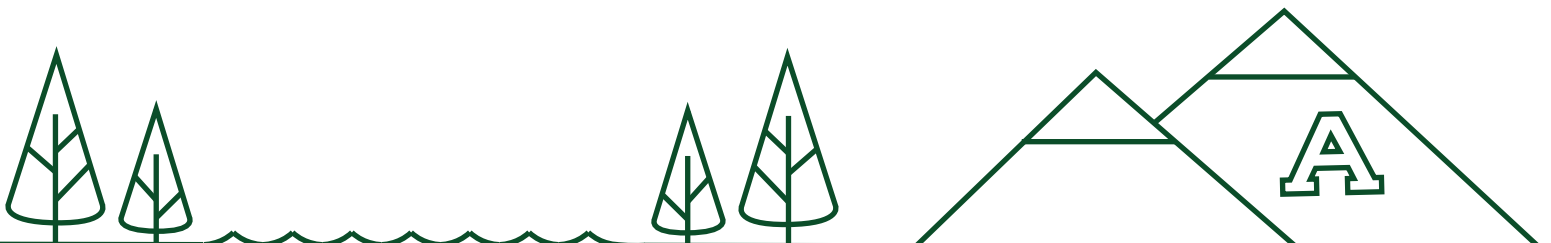
Internship Involvement

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On Campus Employment

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GPA





# Career Checklist



## First Year Students

- Explore career options for your major by navigating the WCNR Career Services website
- Create a resume and learn how to write a cover letter. Ram Career Ready is our training module that helps guide you in this process.
- Log into Handshake, the CSU Career Center's job and internship board
- Join a student organization:
  - Rangeland Ecology Club, in association with Society For Range Management (SRM)
  - Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), CSU Student Guild Chapter
  - Society of American Foresters (SAF), CSU Chapter
  - Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS)
  - Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity, and Sustainability (SEEDS)
  - WCNR College Council

## Third Year or Transfer Students

- Update your resume
- Learn how to apply for government jobs/internships via USAJOBS
- Schedule two informational interviews with alumni or employers in your field
- Learn how to research employers and alumni on LinkedIn
- Begin to explore graduate school options utilizing the WCNR Career Services website
- Look for a summer field work or internships and use all your resources (listed above)
- Take a leadership role in a student organization
- Attend the WCNR Networking Dinner in spring

## Second Year Students

- Update your resume through WCNR Career Services and Ram Career Ready
- Discuss career goals with your Career Education Manager
- Sign up to receive the NRCC Newsletter, our WCNR jobs listserv
- Volunteer in service or research projects
- Look for a summer field work or internships. Use all your resources: Handshake, the All-Campus Career Fair, faculty, staff, and advisors.
- Attend the WCNR Networking Dinner in spring

## Fourth Year Students

- Begin your job search nine months before graduation
- Polish your resume and cover letter; have them reviewed by your Career Education Manager
- Update Handshake job search options
- Connect to alumni and peers on LinkedIn and follow potential employers
- Review interviewing skills and schedule a mock interview at the Career Center
- Finalize graduate school applications
- Develop and secure professional references
- Join a professional association that aligns with your industry of interest, i.e., Society for Range Management (SRM), Society of American Foresters (SAF), or Society of Ecological Restoration (SER)

## Alumni

- Continue to use the Career Center for guidance up to one-year post-graduation. All services are still available to you!

