

# Forest & Rangeland Stewardship

## Forestry Concentration

### Warner College

Forest landscapes are always changing, sometimes very slowly as a result of long-term processes followed by rapid changes as a result of fires or harvesting. Sustaining forests in the modern world requires managers who understand these changes and how forests connect to global, ecological, and social systems. Forestry graduates are trained in fundamental principles of multiple-use forestry and ecosystem management.

In the process of obtaining this degree students generally qualify for the Forestry Series, 0460. With additional courses, students may also qualify for the Forestry Technician Series, 0462. These series are 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
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Davey Tree Expert Company
- Denver Zoo
- SavATree
- Habitat Management
- Town of Mountain Village
- Jefferson Resource Company
- Helping Hand Tree Service
- Chestnut Ridge Forestry
- City of Brighton
- Environmental Management and Planning Solutions

#### First-Destination Job Titles

- Forestry Technician
- Natural Resource Specialist
- Wildland Firefighter
- Arborist
- Environmental Planner
- Program Coordinator
- Laboratory Technician
- Biological Science Aid
- GIS Technician
- Strike Team Member
- Stewardship Forester
- Crew and Field Operations Manager
- Horticulture Lead
- Tree Marker
- Plant Healthcare Technician

#### Mid Level Positions

*\*may require more experience or education*

- Natural Resources Manager
- District Forester
- Parks Planner
- District Fire Management Officer
- Open Lands Manager
- Silviculturist
- Program Developer & Manager
- Outreach Forester

#### FACTORS *of* SUCCESS

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Engagement  
with CSU  
Career  
Center

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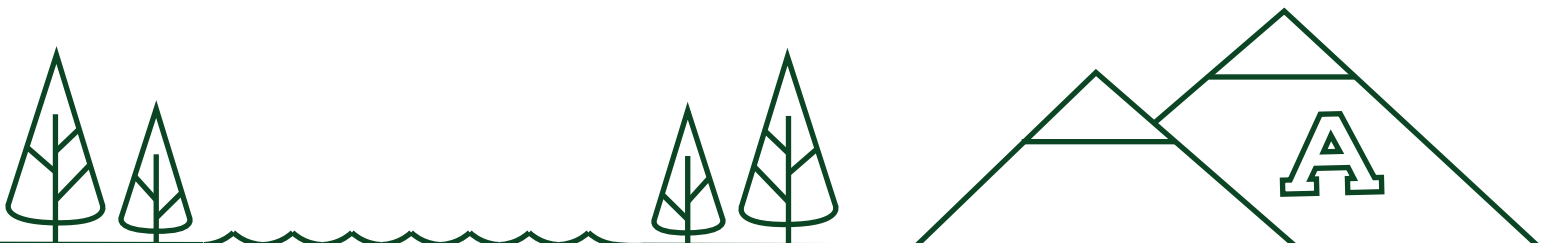
Internship  
Involvement

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On Campus  
Employment

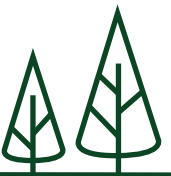
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# Career Checklist



## 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:
  - Society of American Foresters (SAF), CSU Chapter
  - Rangeland Ecology Club, in association with Society for Range Management (SRM)
  - Student Association for Fire Ecology (SAFE)
  - Student Firefighter Association
  - 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
- ☐ Obtain relevant certifications i.e., Chainsaw Certification, Incident Qualification Card (Red Card), etc.
- ☐ 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 of American Foresters (SAF) or Society for Range Management (SRM)

## Alumni

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



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