



Natural Resources Technology  
Associate of Applied Science  
Program Application  
Fall 2012 Entry

**APPLICATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES:**

- Open date: November 1, 2011 – applicants may begin submitting program applications.
- Close date: Open until filled

**Please mail all application materials to:**

Mt. Hood Community College  
Admissions, Registration, and Records  
Natural Resources Technology Application  
26000 SE Stark Street  
Gresham, OR 97030

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Hello!

Thank you for your interest in the Natural Resources Technology (NRT) program. This packet is designed to answer questions about the program and to assist you in the admissions process. Enclosed you will find:

- Admissions Guidelines and Criteria
- Application Checklist
- MHCC Student Admission Form
- Program Outline
- Program Curriculum
- Cost Sheet

Natural Resources Technology is a two-year, applied/technical degree program. The curriculum is interdisciplinary, introducing students to a broad spectrum of natural resources applications. It emphasizes hands-on learning, which means that fieldwork is an integral part of the coursework. Field studies are conducted in local forests, parks and natural areas as well as streams and wetlands located on campus. Students in the NRT program share a common first year before choosing either a forestry or wildlife option.

Students may elect to attend part-time, spreading the courses out over three to four years. Doing this requires additional advising as many of the courses are offered in a specific sequence. A limited number of courses transfer to four-year universities. Transferability depends upon the chosen university and major. Please see an advisor for more complete information regarding transfer.

If you have questions about the college or the program, please feel free to contact one of us.

Sincerely,

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**PROGRAM MISSION:** The mission of the Natural Resources Technology program is to provide a comprehensive, field-oriented education in the technical applications of sustainable natural resources management.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the Natural Resources Technology program are to provide students with the knowledge and skills to do the following:

1. Perform relevant field tasks required of natural resource technicians.
  - Conduct stand exams, reforestation surveys, and other forest inventories.
  - Perform fieldwork necessary to implement silvicultural prescriptions (e.g. for thinning, prescribed burning, tree planting, stream restoration, etc.).
  - Delineate and mark forest types, forest stands, roads, and riparian areas.
  - Conduct surveys of natural resources (e.g. plant associations, hazard trees, wildlife habitat, streams, large woody debris, soils, etc.).
  - Perform trail maintenance and fire suppression activities.
  - Identify native forest trees, plants, insects and diseases.
2. Use a broad range of technological tools to document, map, measure, record and analyze data relevant to natural resources.
  - Utilize a variety of instruments to determine tree height, diameter, age, and other forest stand conditions.
  - Utilize a variety of instruments to describe habitat and watershed features.
  - Use a variety of techniques to assess diversity and abundance of mammals, birds, amphibians, and fish.
  - Navigate and identify landforms using maps, aerial photos, compasses, and GPS units.
  - Survey/traverse boundaries and roads using total stations, GPS and hand compasses.
  - Use computer software for data analysis, mapping and problem solving (GIS).
  - Use software to analyze forest growth and development over time.
  - Enter field data onto field data recorders; download to a PC.
3. Demonstrate a practical understanding of Pacific Northwest forest and wetland ecosystems.
  - Relate the influences of climate, topography, and soils to ecological community composition and structure.
  - Apply concepts of basic ecosystem functions such as photosynthesis and nutrient cycling to natural resources management.
  - Assess forest management practices and natural disturbances as they relate to forest resources (soils, water, and wildlife) and succession.
  - Relate the influences of land management over time to landscape conditions.

4. Demonstrate knowledge of social influences on ecosystem management.
  - Relate social and economic benefits of forests and other ecosystems to society.
  - Connect social concerns about the environment to natural resources management legislation.
  - Prescribe environmentally sound management activities for a given set of landowner objectives and ecosystem conditions.
5. Demonstrate professional skills needed for successful job performance.
  - Prepare written field reports.
  - Fill out field data sheets accurately and completely.
  - Communicate verbally with crew, supervisor and public about fieldwork.
  - Prepare and present oral environmental information.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT LIMIT PER YEAR:** 40

**DEGREE AWARDED WITH COMPLETION OF REQUIRED COURSEWORK:** Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Natural Resources Technology, with Forest Resources or Wildlife Resources option.

**PROGRAM START:** Fall term each year. Mid-year entrance into a class or classes is by faculty permission only. Faculty permission does not guarantee admission into the program. Students must apply and be accepted into the program to have their major changed to Natural Resources Technology.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** Six terms (excluding summers); part time attendance may take three to four years

**NUMBER OF GRADUATES EACH YEAR:** 15 - 20

**ADMISSION GUIDELINES**

Admission of all students is centralized in the Admissions, Registration and Records Office. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the Natural Resources Technology program. The Admissions, Registration and Records Office has the final authority on what constitutes equivalency for all admission criteria and has the sole authority to inform students of their admission status. If you have questions regarding admission procedures please contact the Admissions, Registration and Records Office at 503-491-7165.

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** Students may submit applications beginning November 1, 2011. Once applicants have met all program criteria, they are admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the program is full. Up to fifteen alternates may be accepted onto an alternate list once the program is full.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

1. **NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY ADMISSION FORM, COMPLETED** (Please see Application Packet Checklist.)
2. **MINIMUM SKILLS PROFICIENCY:** Success in the program requires certain skill levels in 3 areas: reading, writing and math. The minimum skill proficiencies required for admission to this program are equal to:

	Placement into		Completion of
Reading:	Reading 115	or	Reading 90
Writing:	Writing 101 or 115	or	Writing 90
Math:	Math 60	or	Math 20

You can demonstrate your skill proficiencies through **one** of the following processes:

A. **The Mt. Hood Community College Placement Test (CPT)**

- The CPT is a non-timed skills assessment test given on a walk-in basis. There is no fee to take the CPT. Scores will be available upon completion of the test.
- CPT scores are valid for two years. If CPT scores are over two years old, from the time a student submits a Natural Resources Technology program application, they are not valid and applicants will need to retest for placement.
- For purposes of admission to the program, the math portion CPT must be taken at Mt. Hood Community College. Applicants who live more than two hours away may take the test by proctor. Please call the MHCC Testing Services for more information @ 503-491-7678.
- If you are only taking portions of the CPT you'll need to obtain a "waiver" form by bringing appropriate transcripts to the Academic Advising and Transfer Center.
- Students who choose to retest in reading, writing or math will need to complete a Retest Self-Referral Form, which is available in the Testing Center or Academic Advising and Transfer Center. If CPT scores indicate a student is not ready for this program, they will be advised to take a course or courses in preparation to apply to the program at a later date.
- Exceptions to the CPT requirement may be made when a program has unfilled positions.

**OR ...**

**B. Prior College Coursework\***

- The CPT may be waived if an applicant has completed college coursework with a “C” or higher grade in RD90, WR90 and MTH20 or higher.
- Official transcripts\* must be submitted to the Admissions, Registration and Records Office. Students who have completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an accredited school and submit authorized documentation (official transcripts or copy of degree) will have the CPT waived, and will be considered proficient for admission purposes for this program.

**TRANSFER CREDITS:** Upon acceptance to the program, students who have prior college coursework applicable to their Natural Resources Technology degree may request a transcript evaluation.

Transcript evaluation request forms are available on the web at <http://www.mhcc.edu/docs/Graduation/TranEvalRequestform.pdf>.

**\*Transcript Requirements:**

Recent documents: we recommend that you send recently dated official transcripts. Any transcripts received in prior years will not be guaranteed to be on file.

Non-accredited college transcripts: They will not be considered in the initial evaluation of your application nor can they be considered toward any degree requirements.

Transfer coursework from foreign Institutions: Such coursework must be evaluated by the application deadline by an outside credential evaluation service. The evaluation company must be either AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service ([www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org)) or a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For a list of NACES memberships, please refer to their web site at [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org). The evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation with an official copy submitted to the Admissions, Registration and Records Office. The coursework must be considered to be at a post-secondary level, have comparable MHCC accreditation status and be parallel in content to MHCC coursework. The outside evaluation must also be completed for secondary level education for any evaluation of that coursework toward MHCC admission requirements.

**3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

A checklist of required documents is provided as part of this application packet. The documents that must be submitted include:

- Completed and signed Natural Resources Technology Admission form (Please see Application Packet Checklist).
- Completed and signed Natural Resources Technology Checklist (you can find the Application Packet Checklist).
- Other official documents as described on the application packet checklist.

## APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your completed packet must include the following items:

- This Natural Resources Technology program application checklist
- MHCC Natural Resources Technology Admission Form – **This form is required as part of the limited/restricted entry application process** even if you were or are a student at MHCC.
- Select Tentative Option
  - Forest Resources
  - Wildlife Resources
- Skills Competency Documentation. Submit **one** of the following:
  - College Placement Test scores from Mt. Hood Community College, indicating placement into: RD115, WR115 or WR101 and MTH60.
    - Included
    - On file at MHCC

**or**

- Official** college transcripts showing completion of RD90, WR90 and MTH20 with a “C” grade or higher **or** completion of college level writing and math with a “C” grade or higher.
  - Included
  - Being mailed. They were requested on \_\_\_\_\_
  - On file at MHCC

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NOTE: It is the applicant’s responsibility to set their ‘spam filter’ system to accept email addresses containing @mhcc.edu. Do this even if currently receiving emails from MHCC. We cannot be responsible for notices which are not received due to spam or junk mail handling.

This program is filled on a space available basis. Once applicants have met minimum criteria they are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications may be submitted beginning November 1, 2011.

**Return your completed application materials to:**  
MHCC - Admissions, Registration, and Records  
Natural Resources Technology Program  
26000 SE Stark Street  
Gresham, OR 97030

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Natural Resources Technology Student Admission Form

Admissions, Registration and Records Office, 26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, OR 97030

For new students and students returning after four terms or more. Please fill out and return by one of the following ways: fax to 503-491-7388, mail to the address above or bring to the Student Services Office at the Gresham Campus. For questions, call 503-491-7393.

\*Providing your social security number (SSN) is voluntary. If you provide it, Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) will use your SSN for keeping records, doing research, reporting, extending credit, and collecting debts. MHCC will not use your number to make any decision directly affecting you or any other person. Your SSN will not be given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your SSN, you will not be denied any rights as a student. Please refer to the Disclosure Statement listed on the MHCC Web site at [www.mhcc.edu/ssn](http://www.mhcc.edu/ssn), which describes how your number will be used. Providing your SSN means that you consent to the use of your number in the manner described. **It will be necessary for you to provide your SSN if applying for federal financial aid, tax credits and the MHCC Student Installment Note.**

Returning Students: MHCC ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

\* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST M.I.

Previous name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

COUNTY (i.e. Multnomah) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

MHCC Major Natural Resources Technology  
(see [www.mhcc.edu/programs](http://www.mhcc.edu/programs))

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M  F

Racial / Ethnic Information: (Your response is voluntary)

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino:

Yes  No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native  -Asian
- African American or Black  -White
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residency Status – required for assessing tuition charges.  
Will you have lived in Oregon 90 days prior to the 1st day of the term?  
 -yes  -no AND, check one below:

- Permanent resident of Oregon, CA, ID, WA or NV
- Permanent resident outside of Oregon, CA, ID, WA or NV
- International Student (requires an I-20)
- International Visitor (B, J, H or other non-student Visa)  
Please tell us your Visa type: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read before submitting:** I acknowledge I am legally obligated to pay all charges incurred by registering. Charges may include late fees, reasonable collection costs, attorney fees, and Oregon Department of Revenue charges for the collection of all delinquent debts owed to the college. By not paying all charges at the time they are incurred, I acknowledge that this debt is considered education debt/loan and that the educational debt is non-dischargeable under Section 523 (a) (8) of the US Bankruptcy Code. There is no statute of limitation on the collection of educational debt. To have course tuition/fee charges removed, I must process a drop or withdrawal on MyMHCC or through the Admissions, Registration and Records Office within the refund period.

Term Summer  Fall  Winter  Spring   
Year \_\_\_\_\_

Previous college(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

What is your attendance history at MHCC?

- New Student
- Attended MHCC more than four terms ago

What is the date (or expected date) of your high school graduation?

- (H)-High School Graduate, Yr \_\_\_\_\_
- (S)-Still in High School, Yr \_\_\_\_\_

If GED or Adult High School Diploma, what is the date awarded or expected date?

- (D)-Adult High School Diploma, Yr \_\_\_\_\_
- (G)-GED, Yr \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (N)-Did not complete high school
- Check here if Home Schooled

Name of last high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the highest level of education / training you have received beyond high school?

- (0)-None
- (1)-Some college, short-term training, private vocational school
- (2)-1-year certificate from a community college
- (3)-2-year degree from a community college
- (4)-Bachelor's degree
- (5)-Master's degree
- (6)-Ph.D. / Professional degree

A person voluntarily becomes a student at MHCC and thereby assumes the obligation of abiding by the standards prescribed in the "Student Code of Conduct" found at [www.mhcc.edu/com](http://www.mhcc.edu/com).

Do you plan to earn a degree, certificate or diploma at MHCC?

- (A)-Yes, a 1-year certificate or 2-year degree
- (B)-Yes, High School diploma or GED
- (C)-No, here to take classes
- (D)-Undecided

Select the one main reason for attending MHCC this term.

- (A)-Take classes to transfer to a 4-year college
- (B)-Learn skills to get a job
- (C)-Improve existing job skills
- (D)-Explore career or educational options
- (E)-Take classes to finish High School or GED
- (F)-Improve reading, writing or math skills
- (G)-Learn English
- (H)-Personal interest / enrichment
- (I)-Other

Will you be employed while attending classes this term?

- (F)-Yes, full-time (35+ hours per week)
- (P)-Yes, part-time (Less than 35 hours per week)
- (N)-No, not employed

Check here if you are a U.S. Veteran:

Yes

"Student Right to Know" information is available at [www.mhcc.edu/righttoknow](http://www.mhcc.edu/righttoknow). If you need assistance due to a disability, please contact the Disability Services Office at (503)-491-6923 or at (503)-491-7670 (TDD).

## PROPOSED CURRICULUM for 2012-2013

### FOREST RESOURCES

First Quarter (Fall)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
F111	Introduction to Natural Resources	3
F141	Tree and Shrub Identification	3
NR160	Wildland Fire	3
MTH060	Beginning Algebra I	4
HPE285OL	Wilderness Survival <sup>1</sup>	3
NR180	Career Devt in Natural Resources <sup>2</sup>	1
		<b>17</b>

Second Quarter (Winter)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT122	Forest Measurements I	5
FW251	Principles of Wildlife Conservation	3
WR121	English Composition	4
MTH065	Technical Mathematics II	4
		<b>16</b>

Third Quarter (Spring)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT220	Aerial Photos and GPS	4
NR144	Forest Insects and Diseases	3
NR230	Plant Taxonomy	3
NR140	Introduction to Forest Soils	2
MTH084	Applied Trigonometry	1
		<b>13</b>

Fourth Quarter (Fall)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
F240	Natural Resources Ecology	4
FT221	Aerial Photos and Resource Mapping	3
FT222	Forest Measurements II	4
WR227	Technical Report Writing	4
		<b>15</b>

Fifth Quarter (Winter)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT228	Intro to Geographic Information Systems	3
NR212	Current Issues in Forestry	1
NR242	Watershed Processes	3
NR244	Applied Silviculture I: Reforestation	3
PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
		<b>13</b>

Sixth Quarter (Spring)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT235	Outdoor Recreation	3
NR238	Timber Harvesting and Products	5
NR246	App Silviculture II: Forest Stand Dynamics	3
FW254	Aquatic Wildlife	4
WE280NR	Cooperative Education Internship <sup>3</sup>	2
		<b>17</b>

The course requirements for this program are subject to change each academic year. Please refer to the 2012-2013 College Catalog when posted online by going to <http://www.mhcc.edu/catalog/>. For MHCC certificate/degree requirements, a student must follow the program requirements of the year the student is officially admitted to the program or the year the student is completing the program.

<sup>1</sup>Transfer students are encouraged to take HPE295 to satisfy the Health and physical Education requirement: three credits in any HPE, HE or PE courses may satisfy.

<sup>2</sup>NR180 is taught as a two- or three-day short course the week *before* classes start in the fall.

<sup>3</sup>Cooperative Education—Students are encouraged to satisfy WE280NR during the summer between their first and second years.

**Related Electives:** In selecting a related elective, students consult with their advisor to determine which course will best meet their academic and professional goals.

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### WILDLIFE RESOURCES

First Quarter (Fall)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
F111	Introduction to Natural Resources	3
F141	Tree and Shrub Identification	3
NR160	Wildland Fire	3
MTH060	Beginning Algebra I	4
HPE285OL	Wilderness Survival <sup>1</sup>	3
NR180	Career Dev. in Natural Resources <sup>2</sup>	1
		<b>17</b>

Fourth Quarter (Fall)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
F240	Natural Resources Ecology	4
FT200	Introduction to Forest Surveying	4
FW252	Mammals: Biology and Techniques	4
WR227	Technical Report Writing	4
		<b>16</b>

Second Quarter (Winter)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT122	Forest Measurements I	5
FW251	Principles of Wildlife Conservation	3
WR121	English Composition	4
MTH065	Beginning Algebra II	4
		<b>16</b>

Fifth Quarter (Winter)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT228	Intro to Geographic Information Systems	3
NR212	Current Issues in Forestry	1
NR242	Watershed Processes	3
NR244	Applied Silviculture I: Reforestation	3
BI103B	Animal Behavior	4
		<b>14</b>

Third Quarter (Spring)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT220	Aerial Photos and GPS	4
NR230	Plant Taxonomy	3
FW253	Birds: Biology and Techniques	4
NR140	Introduction to Forest Soils	2
MTH084	Applied Trigonometry	1
		<b>14</b>

Sixth Quarter (Spring)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
FT235	Outdoor Recreation	3
NR260	Field Projects	3
FW254	Fish Biology and Techniques	4
		Human Relations Requirement
		3
WE280NRC	Cooperative Education Internship <sup>3</sup>	2
		<b>15</b>

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**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS**

	Estimated Costs
<b>First Quarter (Fall)</b>	
Textbooks	120.00
Calculator (TI82 or equivalent)	90.00
Clothing	150.00
• Rain Gear	
• Boots	
Field Gear	
• Cruiser Vest (optional)	40.00
• Hard Hat	8.00
• Silva Ranger Compass (opt.)	45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>453.00</b>
<b>Second Quarter (Winter)</b>	
Textbooks	95.00
Field Books	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>101.00</b>
<b>Third Quarter (Spring)</b>	
Textbooks	150.00
Field Books	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>156.00</b>
<b>Fourth Quarter (Fall)</b>	
Textbooks	160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>Fifth Quarter (Winter)</b>	
Textbooks	125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Sixth Quarter (Spring)</b>	
Textbooks	65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,060.00</b>

These costs are estimates and are subject to change without notice. They are listed to give you an idea of costs **in addition to tuition and College Service and Parking Permit fees**, so that you can plan for your financial needs.

The costs listed are for your Natural Resources Technology core classes and do not include costs for general education or related electives required for the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Natural Resources Technology.

## **WHAT OUR STUDENTS TELL US:**

### **What attracts students to Natural Resources Technology (NRT)?**

- Getting paid to spend your day outside!
- Cost effective education – reasonable tuition and short preparation time for the job market.

### **What do students like after they start the NRT program at MHCC?**

- Field classes that practice actual job activities.
- A focus on practical applications and skills.
- Small class sizes.
- A broad-based forestry/natural resources education.
- A challenge to produce professional results.
- Knowledgeable and accessible instructors with real-life experiences.
- Service learning--class projects that are often done for a client.
- Flexibility to attend part-time.
- Camaraderie with your “cohort.”
- Flexibility in transferring to a university program.

## **EMPLOYABILITY**

- Employment opportunities have fluctuated with the economy in recent years! Over the last ten years, the employment rate of our graduates has ranged between 70% and 100%.
- Many entry-level jobs are seasonal in nature. This means that a person may have to work a couple of “field seasons” (approximately March through November) before obtaining a permanent job.
- Entry-level pay ranges from \$11.00 – \$16.00/hr.
- In general, the private sector hires more permanent employees; the public sector hires more seasonal employees.
- Completing the Work Experience Co-op during the first summer greatly improves chances of obtaining employment upon graduation.

## **TRANSFER OPTIONS**

1. Some students choose to transfer to a four-year university for a Bachelor’s degree, after completing the two-year program.
  - a. The degree of transferability will depend upon which school you attend and which degree you pursue.
  - b. Typically about 60% of the Natural Resources Technology credits will transfer.
  - c. It may take up to five years to complete both the Associate and Bachelor degrees.
2. Students also have the option of enrolling in a transfer track that may not lead to an Associate degree.
  - a. This would require taking primarily general education courses, with selected transfer classes from the Natural Resources Technology program.
  - b. If you have an interest in transferring, we strongly recommend that you visit with one of the program advisors about it before enrolling in any courses.