



**NATURAL RESOURCES
TRAINING GROUP**

*Training Programs to help you
build and advance your career
in Natural Resources*

Land Guardian

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Course Description:

NRTG's Land Guardian Program (LGP) meets the increasing demand for skilled and certified guardians employed within communities, industry, non-profit organizations, or regional stakeholder groups. This five-week (200-hour) Certificate program is designed and developed by NRTG with input from industry sector representatives (e.g., oil & gas, mining, agriculture, marine, forestry, fisheries, environment, cultural heritage, linear development, and natural resources).

The LGP combines extensive applied, field-based training with realistic case study and role-playing exercises that build practical skills and a comprehensive working knowledge of technical procedures as well as analytical and critical thinking skills. An LGP graduate is then qualified to fulfill roles as a Land Guardian, Watchman, Environmental Monitor, Environmental Technician, and other land management positions.



“This course exceeded my expectations. By far the most informative and engaging course I have taken. Amazing instructor and course!”

Stacy Boczulak
Burnaby, BC

Outcomes

Upon successful completion, program graduates are qualified and able to:

- Observe, record and report environmental field data
- Act as an independent monitor
- Conduct standard environmental assessments and inventories for: air, water, plants and trees, wildlife (ungulates, birds, amphibians), fish, and soil
- Conduct backpack electrofishing surveys as certified technicians
- Operate, calibrate, and maintain a wide variety of environmental field equipment and 'tools'
- Conduct water quality and field hydrology procedures
- Identify site impact, and develop and implement site rehabilitation procedures
- Conduct erosion and sediment control measures
- Develop reports and communicate results with industry stakeholders
- Conduct best practices for environmental monitoring during construction projects
- Conduct best practices for erosion and sediment control measures
- Design and implement field monitoring programs

ABOUT NRTG

Natural Resources Training Group (NRTG) is a privately-registered training agency specializing in developing and delivering quality 'hands-on', fisheries and natural resource-related training programs. We deliver our short, applied 'professional development' programs to industry professionals, stakeholders, and indigenous groups in communities throughout North America.



**Each NRTG course includes free,
lifetime admission.
Enrol once - come back anytime.**

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Course Format:

The Land Guardian Program is available in two formats:

- 1) A fully online training program that includes self-paced and 'live' instruction. In this format, students complete the first three weeks of a fully online, self-paced training program, followed by two weeks of fully online 'live' in-person instruction. In the first three weeks, students complete course content at their convenience. In the final two weeks, instructors deliver course content and theory online in short, focused presentations and assign office-based and field exercises to students who then conduct exercises on their own.
- 2) A community-based training program with in-person instruction delivered over five consecutive weeks.

In both formats, course participants conduct extensive field training, learning important skills and procedures in a very realistic and practical setting, under the direction of experienced instructors.



“This is an amazing course! It has given me so many new field tools that will better help me carry out my work duties as an aboriginal guardian.”

Omineca Jack
Land Guardian
British Columbia

Course Customization:

The LGP can be customized for an organization or community based on their needs. The two LGP formats are highly customizable. As example, students can complete the fully online, self-paced training part-time. The in-person training format can also be delivered in two, five-day blocks of training delivered at the student's or organization's preference. Do you have questions about timing and delivery options? Please contact us to discuss potential solutions.

NRTG can also combine an LGP delivery with any other NRTG training program. NRTG can also develop new course content upon request. The LGP also recommends several electives to complement a LGP Certificate (see below), and will assist groups with coordinating a community-based delivery of these or other training options:

- Swift Water Rescue
- Wilderness First Aid
- Off-Road Driving
- RISC Archaeology & CMT Training
- Cultural Heritage Monitor
- SVOP Operator
- ATV Certification
- Snowmobile Operators Certification

Please contact us with your ideas and needs, and we'll work with you to design and deliver a specialized training program that meets your needs.



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Potential Students:

Course participants typically include existing land guardians, environmental monitors and technicians, industry stakeholders and resource workers.

Pre-requisites:

None. A standard one or two-day First Aid course is required.

Personal Equipment Requirements:

Course participants are required to provide their own personal protective equipment.

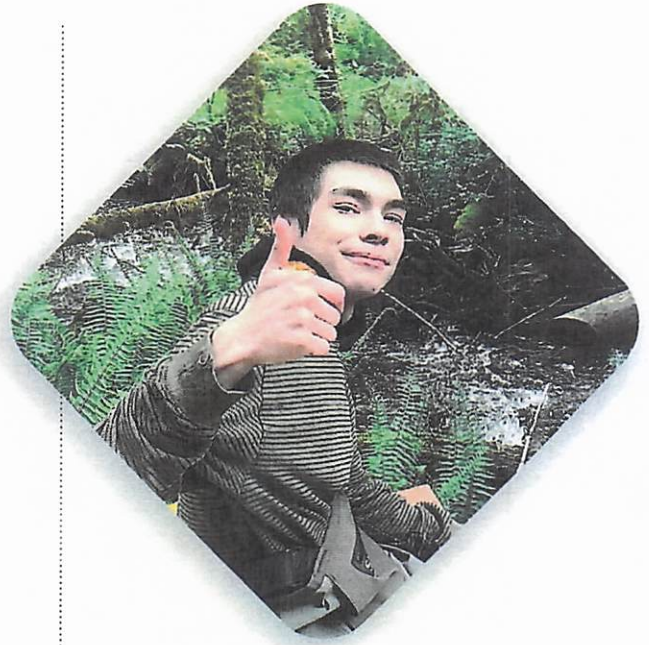
- Suunto PM5 Clinometer
- Waterproof Field Book
- Suitable outdoor clothing
- Bag lunch & refreshments each day
- Chest waders (with no leaks)
- Non-slip footwear
- Hat with a brim (e.g., ball cap)
- Esilon or other 30m measuring tape
- Meter stick (1.2m wooden doweling, marked in centimeters)

NRTG can help with sourcing and identifying appropriate items.



“Excellent balance of field vs class and we learned valuable skills that will certainly help me with my position.”

Colin LaRochelle



Course Fees:

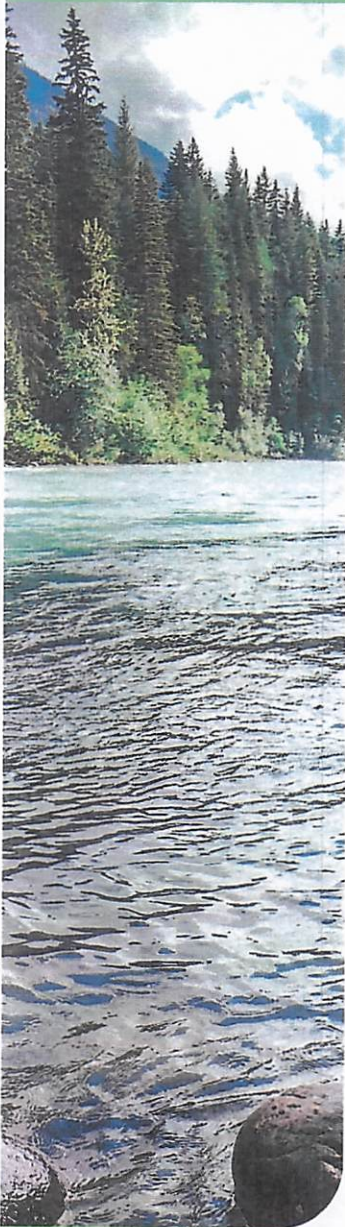
Course fees will vary by course delivery location. For further information, refer to our Course Schedule.

How Do I Attend?

The Land Guardian Program is available via our website schedule, or on contract to community groups. The LGP is regularly scheduled throughout the year (providing suitable weather conditions for student field exercises). Interested groups or organizations can also arrange for an 'in-house' or contract delivery of this program. Contact NRTG for further information.

If you would like to have the LGP delivered to your group or community, please consider the following:

- 1) Contact us well in advance of your preferred course start date.
- 2) If applicable, secure program funding
- 3) Recruit course participants (this course has a minimum enrollment of 10 participants).
- 4) Coordinate course participant equipment, classroom facility, and contractual agreement with NRTG.



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Hello Deputy Chief Morris,

Thank you for the open conversation on Monday.

Here are the topics we discussed and what I promised to follow up on.

1. I contacted the Natural Resources Training Group about the [Land Guardian Certificate Program](#) and here's what they told me:

- Classes are online Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, followed by required field-based work in your own community. No travel required except locally.
- Next intake is April 2024
- \$8750 + tax per person + plus equipment costs (about \$600-800/person). See the equipment list attached here along with the flyer.
- 200 hours (Zoom) over 5 weeks
- First Aid (level not specified) will be a requirement to use the certificate
- FYI - Until Jan 31, 2024, you can enter for a [Land Guardian Free Seat Giveaway | Natural Resources Training Group \(nrtraininggroup.com\)](#)

2. We talked about your interest in other training such as wildlife monitoring, silviculture and danger tree courses, as well as possible entry-level training through Artemis or BC Hydro. It's possible we could fund opportunities in these areas. We could connect with CGL on potential training sponsorship if you haven't already. If CGL is moving into the restoration stage, there may be opportunities there.

Please let us know if you have any members who would be interested in the training next year. We may be able to support the tuition for one or two students.

Thanks,
Eloise

Land Guardian Program (LGP) – Participant Equipment List



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Required Equipment List for Course Participants

Each student is to provide (or have provided for them) the following personal equipment items. The LGP includes online learning and field-based training sessions.

Classroom Learning

Computer
Internet access
Pen or pencils
[Notebook](#)

Field Supplies

[Leak-free Chest waders \(nylon or neoprene\) and Wading Boots \(felt, cleat or rubber sole\)](#)
[Hat with brim \(i.e. baseball cap\)](#)
[Cruiser vest](#)
[Waterproof Field Book](#) (we'd recommend a three-pack of the 301 FX or [this version](#))
Bag lunch and refreshments each day
Your own transportation

Note: these items are hyperlinked to suggested retailers and are provided for example only. The client is not obligated to purchase from these retailers. Suitable retailers include: Dynamic Aqua Supply (Surrey, BC), Winners Edge (Lillooet), Canadian Tire, Superior Reproductions (Kamloops), NVIT campus (Merritt), Deakin Equipment or Hoskins Scientific (Vancouver), Ono Trading (various locations) and Staples (various locations).

Please have these items on-hand for Day One (and everyday) of the training.