

Business of Sawmilling

Associate Certificate Part-time School of Construction and the Environment

Overview

Delivery: online. [See details.](#)

The Associate Certificate in the Business of Sawmilling (BOS) is designed to educate people currently employed in the industrial wood processing sector about essential business skills to enable them to seek advancement or greater opportunity as supervisors within their current organization.

The BOS program, as with the [Associate Certificate in Industrial Wood Processing \[1\]](#), will be delivered entirely online using BCIT's learning management system, allowing students to learn while continuing to work for their employers without having to travel outside their communities. The program curriculum will include case-based and problem-based learning opportunities, delivered by lumber industry and business experts to students, which simulate real-world challenges, enabling students to apply their learning in meaningful and creative ways.

The program is designed to be completed by a cohort of up to 24 students over a 12-month period. A cohort can be recruited from a single company or can be a mixed cohort made up of students from a number of lumber manufacturing companies.

At this point in time, the courses are not available on a one-off basis. They are delivered sequentially as part of the Associate Certificate. One-off offerings of the courses can be organized through a single company offering by contacting [SOCE Industry Services \[2\]](#).

The participants are new or existing employees currently working in the North American lumber sector and are sponsored by their employer.

Entrance Requirements

Application processing

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Applications are submitted by prospective students through their sponsoring organizations. Speak with your employer's Human Resources department to begin the application process.

Entrance requirements

Applicants to this program must be employed in the North American lumber sector and sponsored by their employer.

Recommended for success

To be successful in this program, students are recommended to have:

- English 10
- Math 10
- Work experience: This program is specifically designed for individuals currently employed in the wood processing industry and enrolling with the support of their employers.

Note: [WOOD 0002 \[3\]](#) – BOS Math Readiness Tool is a math self-assessment tool available for students to assess and receive feedback on their math skills. Students who are unsure of their basic skills such as math and computer skills will be encouraged to enrol in [WOOD 0200 \[4\]](#) – BOS Math Refresher Course.

International applicants

This program is not available to international students. [View available programs \[5\]](#)

Apply to program

Applications for this program are processed by the SOCE Industry Services department.

Applicants must have their information submitted to the department by their employer sponsor. Once submitted, students will be contacted and provided with a registration package to complete and return.

To submit an employee for a registration package or for more information, please contact [Linh Tran](#).

Scheduled Intakes

May and October each year.

Contact [Linh Tran](#) for intake details.

Courses

Program matrix

Check [current availability of courses \[6\]](#) for this program.

Required Courses:		Credits
ECON 1610 [7]	Lumber Industry Economics	3.0
FMGT 1660 [9]	Finance Fundamentals for Sawmill Managers	3.0
WOOD 2610 [11]	Process Reliability and Optimization for the Lumber Industry	3.0
WOOD 2620 [13]	Fundamentals of Sawmill Residuals	3.0
MKTG 2760 [15]	Lumber Sales and Marketing	3.0
Total Credits:		15.0

Check [current availability of courses \[17\]](#) for this program.

Transfer credit

Do you have credits from another BC/Yukon post-secondary school? Do you want to know if they transfer to courses here at BCIT? Check out BCIT's [Transfer Equivalency Database \[18\]](#) to find out.

Program Details

Program length

The Business of Sawmilling Associate Certificate is a one-year program. Students proceed through this program as a cohort and are automatically registered in their classes. Each cohort will complete one course at a time and will be provided with their course schedule at the time of registration.

Program delivery

Online: This program is delivered fully online.

Program location

Students must attend a program orientation at the [Burnaby Campus \[19\]](#) at the beginning of the program, currently being delivered in a virtual/online format until further notice. The rest of the program is completed through [online learning \[20\]](#).

Graduating & Jobs

Graduate employment outcomes

The BCIT student outcomes report presents summary findings from the annual survey of former students administered by BC Stats one to two years after graduation. These reports combine the last three years of available results for the 2021-2023 BCIT Outcomes Surveys of 2020-2022 graduates and for Degree 2019-2021 graduates. The reports are organized into three-page summaries containing information on graduates' labour market experiences and opinions regarding their education. More detailed information can be accessed at the [BC Student Outcomes \[21\]](#) website.

To view these results, you may need to have the [Adobe Acrobat Reader \[22\]](#) installed in your Web browser.

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[2] <https://www.bcit.ca/construction-environment/industry-services/contact-industry-services/>

- [3] <https://www.bcit.ca/courses/business-of-sawmilling-math-readiness-tool-wood-0002/>
- [4] <https://www.bcit.ca/courses/business-of-sawmilling-math-refresher-course-wood-0200/>
- [5] <https://www.bcit.ca/international-applicants/>
- [6] <https://www.bcit.ca/courses/econ1610,fmgt1660,mktg2760,wood2610,wood2620/>
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