Agriculture & Natural Resource Program Guide

Pathways to Excellence
Why Agriculture & Natural Resources?

Agriculture & Natural Resource industries continue to expand beyond traditional practices with the use of GPS, precision focused practices, soil testing, long term planning, and focused data analysis all lending to sustainability. As the needs of these industries change, the need for highly skilled producers and operators grows. A growing global population in need of sustenance, shelter & other resources, grown in more precise and sustainable ways.

If you are interested in the connection between technology, tradition, and the natural world, a career in agriculture or natural resources may be for you.

Washington’s farms, forests, ranches, dairies, orchards, lakes, rivers, and oceans power a diverse agriculture and natural resource economy, with both increasing technological resources and the option for more traditional practices where applicable. With roughly 39,000 farms, and more than 1,700 forest products focused companies, agriculture and natural resources make up one of the largest economies in Washington State.
Agriculture & Natural Resource Career Pathways

Career pathways identify the knowledge and skills students need as they follow a pathway toward their career goal. The Agriculture & Natural Resource Career Clusters are divided into eight different pathways. Pathways are grouped by common knowledge and skills required of occupations in the agriculture and natural resource career fields, and there is often cross-over between many of these pathways of study.

- Agribusiness Systems
- Animal Science Systems
- Biotechnology Systems
- Environmental Service Systems
- Food Products and Processing Systems
- Natural Resource Systems
- Plant Science Systems
- Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

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Agriculture Business & Management

Industry Description:
Individuals in agribusiness apply a wide range of knowledge of markets, products, and laws to local, regional, national and international agricultural commerce.

Job Titles:
- Ag-Business Consultant
- Agriculture Sales Associate
- Commodity Broker
- Farm Advisor
- Farm & Ranch Manager
- Horticultural Sales Rep
- Agricultural Economist
- Agricultural Policy Analyst

Big Bend Community College

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Columbia Basin College

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- Agriculture & Food Business Economics
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Yakima Valley College

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**Animal Science**

**Industry Description:**
Those with a degree in Animal Science have the opportunity to work in various fields with livestock.

**Job Titles**
- Livestock Manager
- Risk and Finance Management
- Pharmaceutical Sales Reps
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Livestock Broker
- Animal Nutrition Specialist

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**Veterinary Technology**

**Industry Description:**
Veterinary technicians conduct clinical work under the supervision of a veterinarian, performing various medical tests in a laboratory or field setting.

**Job Titles:**
- Animal Pharmaceuticals and Product Sales
- Barn or Kennel Manager
- Clinical Veterinary Technician
- Sales Representatives
- Veterinary Technician
- Zoo Technician

**Bellingham Technical College**

**Certificate & Degree Options:**
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**Pierce College**

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Walla Walla Community College
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Bioenergy Operations

Industry Description:
Bioenergy Operations focuses on principles of environmental science and economic use of renewable resources through biofuel plants, municipal wastewater treatment plants, industrial food and beverage processors & pulp and paper mills.

Job Titles:
• Biofuels Processing Technician
• Biomass Plant Technician
• Plant Operator
• Process Operator
• Wastewater Facility Operator
• Biofuels Production Manager
• Natural Resource Management Specialist

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Green River College
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• Water Supply Technology

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Environmental Technology

Industry Description:
Environmental technology focuses on principles of environmental science and economic use of renewable resources, such as air, water, and energy.

Job Titles:
- Conservation Scientist
- Energy Technician
- Environmental Science Technician
- Research Assistant
- Wind Technician
- GIS Technician
- Sustainability Consultant

Bates Technical College
Certificate & Degree Options
- Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Cascadia College
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- Environmental Technology & Sustainable Practices

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Clover Park Technical College
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- Environmental Studies

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Skagit Valley College
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- Environmental Conservation-Aquatic/Terrestrial
- Environmental Conservation-Marine
- Environmental Conservation-Parks Resources Management
- Environmental Conservation Studies
- Basic Wetland Delineation
- Advanced Wetland Delineation

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**BEVERAGE PRODUCTION**

**Industry Description:**
Those in beverage production apply knowledge of material sourcing, fermenting practices, and the agricultural field practices that effect the final products.

**Job Titles:**
- Winemaker
- Brewer
- Production Specialist

**South Puget Sound Community College**

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- Craft Brewing & Distilling

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**South Seattle College**

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- Wine Production

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**Yakima Valley College**

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**WILDLIFE & FISHERIES**

**Industry Description:**
Individuals in fisheries technology apply a wide range of knowledge related to fish husbandry, production and management; fisheries technicians focus on non-domesticated and commercial fish populations.

**Job Titles:**
- Commercial Fisherman
- Fish and Game Warden
- Fisheries Technician
- Hatchery Technician
- Invasive Species Technician
- Hatchery Operations

**Bellingham Technical College**

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- Fisheries & Aquaculture Techniques

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**Walla Walla Community College**

**Certificates & Degrees**
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**Forestry**

**Industry Description:**
Individuals in the forest and forest technology industry are skilled in mapping, statistics, timber harvest processes, tree production methods, resource protection and management.

**Job Titles:**
- Forester
- Forest Technician
- Natural Resource Technician
- Survey Crew Leader
- Urban Forest Technician
- GIS Technician
- Forest and Wildland Firefighter
- Forest Health Specialist
- Urban Forester
- Recreation Technician

**Grays Harbor College**

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**Spokane Community College**

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**Walla Walla Community College**

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NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

Industry Description:
Individuals in the natural resource industry focus on the conservation, use, and improvement of air quality, soil, water, land, fish, wildlife, and plant resources.

Job Titles:
• Biological Technician
• Environmental Science Technician
• Natural Resource Technician
• Watershed Technician
• Wildlife Technician
• GIS Technician
• Wildlife Policy Analyst
• Restoration Ecologist
• Field Researcher
• Forest and Wildlife Program Director

Grays Harbor College
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• Natural Resources - Forestry Technician

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Green River Community College
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• Natural Resources
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• Natural Resources – Park Management
• Natural Resources – Water Quality
• Natural Resources – Wildland Fire

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Agricultural Production Operations & Education

Industry Description:
Agricultural production focuses on the general planning, economics, and use of facilities, natural resources, equipment, labor, and capital to produce plant products.

Job Titles:
• Agriculture Teacher
• Ag Sales Representative
• Ag Technician
• Farm and Ranch Advisor
• Farm and Ranch Manager
• Farm Worker
• Field Consultant
• Grower
• Viticulture Technician
• Agronomist

Big Bend Community College
Certificate & Degree Options:
• Agriculture Technology and Management
• Agriculture Agronomy

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Columbia Basin College
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Highline College
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Peninsula College
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Seattle Central College
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Skagit Valley College

Certificate & Degree Options:
• Environmental Sustainable Agriculture Education
• Sustainable Small Farm Agriculture Applied Planning & Management
• Sustainable Small Farm Agriculture Systems

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Spokane Community College

Certificate & Degree Options:
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• Small Farm Production
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Walla Walla Community College

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• Agriculture Education
• Agriculture - Plant & Soil Science
• Agricultural Systems*
• Agriculture Technology & Management
• Enology & Viticulture
• Field Crop Management
• Food Science
• Organic & Sustainable Agriculture
• Viticulture Science

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**Horticulture, Greenhouse & Landscape Operations**

**Industry Description:**
Horticulture, Greenhouse and Landscape Operations focuses on the production, storage, and delivery of plant species (often within controlled, indoor environments).

**Job Titles:**
- Garden Center Sales/Manager
- Greenhouse Grower/Manager/Technician
- Plant Purchasing Manager
- Arborist
- Groundskeeper
- Horticulture Product Sales
- Landscape Management
Columbia Basin College
Certificate & Degree Options:
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Edmonds College
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• Horticulture
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• Landscape/Nursery Growers/Urban Agriculture

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Lake Washington Institute of Technology
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South Seattle College
Certificate & Degree Options:
• Landscape Horticulture

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Spokane Community College
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• Landscape Management

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Turf Management

Industry Description:
Turf management focuses on ornamental or recreational grasses and related processes such as planting, transplanting, and managing grassed areas.

Job Titles:
• Golf Course Maintenance
• Golf Course Superintendent
• Lawn Care Technician
• Sports Field Manager
• Turfgrass Specialist
• City Parks/Cemetery Manager
• Landscape Operations Manager

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Agricultural Mechanization

Industry Description:
Agricultural mechanization and equipment maintenance technicians diagnose, adjust, repair, and overhaul farm machinery and construction equipment, such as; CASE IH, CASE New Holland, Caterpillar, John Deere, and Kubota products.

Job Titles:
- Agriculture Diesel Mechanic
- Farm Equipment Mechanic
- John Deere Maintenance Technician
- John Deere Mechanic
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Machinist

Bates Technical College

Certificate & Degree Options:
- Diesel Engines
- Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology
- Diesel Service Technician
- Heavy Duty Drive Trains
- Heavy Equipment Hydraulic & Pneumatic Systems
- Truck & Heavy Equipment Electrical Systems

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Bellingham Technical College

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**Big Bend Community College**

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- Agriculture Mechanics Technology

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**Centralia College**

Certificate & Degree Options:
- Diesel Technology*

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**Clark College**

Certificate & Degree Options:
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**Grays Harbor College**

Certificate & Degree Options:
- Diesel Technology

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**Lower Columbia College**

Certificate & Degree Options:
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**Lake Washington Institute of Technology**

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• Diesel Equipment Mechanics
• Commercial and Residential Irrigation
• John Deere Technology
• Irrigation Business Management

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Wenatchee Valley College
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Renton Technical College  www.rtc.edu
- Veterinary Assistant (A)

Seattle Central College  www.seattlecentral.edu
- Sustainable Agriculture Education (A)

Shoreline Community College  www.shoreline.edu
- Environmental Sciences/Studies (A)

Skagit Valley College  www.skagit.edu
- Advanced Wetland Delineation (C)
- Basic Wetland Delineation (C)
- Environmental Conservation (BAS)
- Environmental Conservation – Aquatic/Terrestrial (A)
- Environmental Conservation – Marine (A)
- Environmental Conservation – Parks Resource Management (A)
- Environmental Conservation – Water/Wastewater Treatment (A)
- Environmental Conservation Studies (C)
- Environmental Sustainable Agriculture Education (A)
- Sustainable Small Farm Agriculture Applied Planning & Management (C)
- Sustainable Small Farm Agriculture Systems (C)
- Veterinary Assistant (C)

South Puget Sound Community College  www.spscc.edu
- Craft Brewing & Distilling (A)

South Seattle College  www.southseattle.edu
- Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technician (A)
- Landscape Horticulture (A/C)
- Wine Production (A/C)

Spokane Community College  www.scc.spokane.edu
- Agriculture (A)
- Agriculture Business (C)
- Agriculture Technology (A/C)
- Arboriculture & Urban Forestry (A/C)
- Diesel/Heavy Duty Equipment (A)
- Greenhouse/Nursery (A/C)
- Landscape Management (A/C)
- Natural Resource Management - Forestry Technician (A)
- Natural Resource Technologies in GIS (C)
- Parks & Recreation (A)
- Small Farm Production (A/C)
- Spray Technician (C)
- Water & Wastewater (A)
- Water Resources Technology (A)
- Water Resources Technologies in GIS (C)
- Wildlife/Fisheries (A)

Walla Walla Community College  www wwcc.edu
- Ag Business (A/C)
- Agricultural Education (A)
- Agricultural & Food Business Economics (A)
- Agricultural & Technology Production Management (A)
- Agricultural Systems (BAS)
- Agricultural Systems - Ag. Business Concentration (BAS)
- Animal Science (A/C)
- Animal Science - Animal Management (A)
- Animal Science - Pre-Vet Medicine (A)
- Commercial and Residential Irrigation (C)
- Diesel (A/C)
- Earth Sciences (A)
- Economic Science Agricultural Economics (A)
- Enology & Viticulture (A/C)
- Environmental & Ecosystem Sciences (A)
- Field Crop Management (A)
- Food Science (A)
- Forestry Ecology & Management (A)
- GIS (C)
- Irrigation Business Management (C)
- John Deere Technology (A)
- Organic & Sustainable Agriculture (A)
- Plant & Soil Science (A/C)
- Turf Management (A/C)
- Viticulture Science (C)
- Wildlife Ecology & Conservation Sciences (A)

Wenatchee Valley College  www.wvc.edu
- Agribusiness (A)
- Agriculture (A)
- AgriTechnologies (A)
- Horticulture & Tree Fruit (A)
- Integrated Pest Management (C)
- Natural Resources (A)
- Sustainable & Organic Ag (A)
- Viticulture Sustainability (C)

Yakima Valley College  www.yvc.edu
- Agribusiness (A)
- Agricultural Sciences (BAS)
- Production/Pest Management (A)
- Tree Fruit Production (A)
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (C)
- Veterinary Technology (A)
- Vineyard Technology (A/C)
- Wine Sales (C)
- Winery Technology (A/C)
The ever-changing nature of agriculture and natural resource industries require a diverse workforce – traditional and non-traditional students, trained individuals from around the world, and veterans, to name a few.

The Agriculture & Natural Resource Center of Excellence (ANR) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) are dedicated to partnering in support of veterans as they pursue college credentials and training that support their careers in agriculture or natural resources.

The WDVA Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC) provides opportunities for veterans to connect with Washington States natural resources in their own way, while finding community, employment and training (VCC site). In partnership with VCC, the ANR strives to support veterans in identifying and accessing college programs that support their needs, provide a pathway that can lead them into an agriculture or natural resource related career.

This includes farming, ranching, and forestry that all offer viable avenues for many returning veterans to capitalize on the hard and soft skills acquired through military service while in turn offering a major benefit to the state's agriculture industry and the many communities that rely heavily on the production, harvest, and cultivation Washington food and fiber.

Washington's 34 community and technical colleges are a perfect fit for returning veterans who are transitioning to civilian life and private-sector jobs. Two-year colleges offer small class sizes, flexible hours, veterans services and real-world education and training so veterans can hit the ground running. Many of the states Community and Technical colleges offer resources and programming that can be complimentary to veteran's benefits.

Whether it is to gain a degree, certification, or classroom experience to increase understanding, programs across the state can support long term career, and even entrepreneurial goals, in Agriculture or Natural Resources.

For more information about the Veterans Conservation Corps, please visit: [WDVA VCC Site]