

# Wisconsin Forestry Career Profile

## Forester Technician



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### High School Courses

- Forestry and/or Natural Resources
- Environmental Science
- Plant Science
- Auto/Mechanical Shop



### Education/Training

- 2-year associates degree is recommended



### Responsibilities

- Suppress and prevent wildland fire
- Maintain and operate equipment
- Perform inspections
- Mark and measure trees
- Collect and analyze forest data
- Assist writing reports and management plans
- Maintain a CDL



### Skills

- Plan and prepare effectively
- Communicate clearly
- Identify plants, shrubs, and trees
- Use forest measurement and mapping tools, including GIS
- Understand scientific language
- Work independently and collaboratively



### Abilities/Personality

- Able to work outside, walk long distances, work in inclement weather
- Focused on safety
- Organized
- Curious
- Able to work on multiple projects at the same time



### Work Environment

Forester technicians work in outdoor environments that require them to be physically fit. They serve a vital role in public safety and security.

### Job Description

Forester technicians are responsible for technical, administrative and wildland fire fighting activities (for example, fire suppression, pre-suppression and prevention). They serve as a CDL-certified forest fire heavy equipment operators. Forester technicians also provide technical, administrative, and paraprofessional forest management assistance on state, private or county lands when not assigned to fire duties.

### Salary Range

