

Conservation and Environmental Law Enforcement



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Program Code:	NRL
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Credential:	Ontario College Graduate Certificate
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Conservation and Environmental Law Enforcement is a career that appeals to people who enjoy outdoor pursuits, and who have a balanced approach to consumption and conservation.

Program Highlights

In this program, our mandate is to prepare field ready, entry-level conservation and environmental law enforcement officers. You can really make a difference. This is a challenging program with a heavy workload that is intended for serious students entering a competitive field.

Conservation and Environmental Law Enforcement is about regulating the use of natural resources, and accountability for activities that have an adverse effect on the environment. Examples of regulated activities include fishing, hunting, logging, aggregate extraction, alteration of fish habitat, the use of public land, and the discharge of pollutants.

This one-year, two-semester post-graduate program will prepare you for a variety of positions in the field, with a well-rounded selection of courses offering a good blend of practice and theory. You will be trained in such areas of study as procedural law, fish and wildlife enforcement, lands and environmental law, investigation techniques, forensics, and conflict management and avoidance. In your first semester, your learning will be enhanced through a fall camp, situated in a wilderness setting.

Success Stories

"Fleming's Natural Resources - Law Enforcement program gave me the knowledge to pursue my career as a Canine Conservation Officer. This in-depth law program offers not only valuable classroom instruction, but much needed practical training, which I apply every day in the field. Along with dedication and hard work, I feel that the program gave me the tools and experience to succeed in my career."

Sean Cronsberry

Canine Conservation Officer, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Why Choose Fleming

There are only three programs available in Canada in this career field, and this is the only program offered at the college level. All faculty members have current and extensive field experience, and share their passion for the career - as well as their experiences - with students.

Is this You?

Besides a balanced approach to the consumption and conservation of resources, you should possess:

- skills/confidence working in the outdoors
- physical fitness
- time management skills
- fish and wildlife identification skills
- motivation to face challenges
- conflict resolution skills; team player

Students require basic computer and internet skills including e-mail, word processing, and file management. It's an asset if you have experience in and enjoy hunting, trapping, and fishing, and have a knowledge of firearms.

Career Opportunities

There are plenty of seasonal opportunities for graduates to start with, and as they develop experience in the field, full time or more permanent employment is likely. Recent graduates have landed a variety of positions, including:

- Conservation Officer (Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Yukon)
- Fishery Officer (Department of Fisheries and Oceans)
- Environmental Officer (Ministry of Environment, Environment Canada)
- Wildlife Officer (Environment Canada)
- Watershed Enforcement Officer (Conservation Authorities)
- Park Warden (Ontario Parks, National Parks)

Conservation and environmental officers' salaries in Ontario range from \$60,000 - \$85,000 annually. In particular, women and other under-represented groups are encouraged to apply to the program - there are many opportunities for you.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- Ontario College Diploma (minimum 2.5 GPA) or a university degree in an environmental sciences or natural resources field, biology, or a similar field.

Applicants who do not possess the academic requirements as stated, but who have relevant experience, will be considered on an individual basis. A college diploma or university degree is required in all cases.

Additional Requirements:

- Firearms Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL)
- First Aid Certification
- Hunter Safety Certificate

Strongly Recommended:

- Boating Safety Operator Card
- C.P.R. Level 'C' certificate

Health Requirements

The Conflict Management and Avoidance courses require high level aerobic and muscular strength fitness. A reasonable level of physical fitness is required.

Additional Costs

Plan on spending about \$1,250.00 for books, supplies, safety equipment and camps.

Curriculum for Conservation and Environmental Law Enforcement

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
LAWS 139	Conflict Management and Avoidance I	45
APST 16	Fall Camp	40
LAWS 133	Fish and Wildlife Enforcement I	75
LAWS 35	Forensics	45
LAWS 46	Introduction to Law	15
LAWS 114	Investigation Techniques I	60
LAWS 204	Lands & Environmental Law I	45
LAWS 66	Procedural Law I	75

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
LAWS 11	Conflict Management and Avoidance II	45
APST 50	Field Week	40
LAWS 34	Fish and Wildlife Enforcement II	60
LAWS 132	Investigation Techniques II	75
LAWS 205	Lands & Environmental Law II	45
LAWS 67	Procedural Law II	75

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