



Professionalism and Ethics

Course Outline

Module 7: Professionalism and Ethics

Standard 7 - Professionalism and Ethics

Demonstrable Competencies: 1) Describe the role of self-regulating professions in society; 2) Describe a range of duties imposed on, and by, professional regulatory bodies; 3) Explain competency limitations; and 4) Describe the characteristics of a professional forester

Course Description

Canada's professional forester serves the public interest and understands the role of the profession. Professional foresters have integrity, are competent, independent and accountable for their actions and decisions. They maintain professional standards and conduct based on ethical principles including life long learning and continuing competency requirements.

Course Schedule

This course involves a combination of recorded lectures, readings, assignments and participation in semi-synchronous online discussion forums and completion of 2 quizzes on core lecture content. This course is **self-paced**, meaning that there is no timeline to complete. The course contains a total of 7 steps to reach completion. Each step is designed to be completed within a 1-week period.

- **Step 1**
 - **Introductory lectures**
 - "Introduction to Professionalism and Ethics"
 - **Core readings**
 - 'What professional forester do'
 - McDonald, Michael. 2000. First principles for professional foresters. *In* P. C. List, ed., Environmental ethics and forestry: a reader. 121- 144 pp. Temple University Press. Philadelphia

- **Step 2**
 - **Core lectures**
 - "Ethics and the Forest Professional"
 - "Ethics Rooted in a Moral Code - a holistic overview of the role of ethics as they relate to the practice of professional of forestry"

- **Core readings**
 - Complete readings from step 1 if not done so already
- **Online discussion forum**
- **Step 3**
 - **Quiz #1**
 - Multiple answer questions on content from the 4 Introductory Lectures from Step 1.
 - **Introduction to assignment #1**
 - Describe and discuss an ethical dilemma you have encountered in the workplace. What was the situation? What were your choices? What choice(s) did you make and why?
- **Step 4**
 - **Online discussion Forum**
 - **Continue to work on Assignment #1**
- **Step 5**
 - **Assignment #1 due (submit online)**
 - **Quiz #2**
 - Multiple answer questions on content from the 2 Core Lectures from Step 2.
 - **Introduction to assignment #2**
 - From your individual perspective, explain and describe a variety of ethics and ethical constructs that are applied in the profession of forestry, using the following groupings to structure your paper: a) professional ethics b) personal ethics, and c) environmental ethics. These need not be mutually exclusive categories, but any overlap among groupings must be adequately described and justified. Feedback from your final paper proposal may provide additional structure and content guidance from instructor(s).
- **Step 6**
 - **Submit proposal for final paper**
- **Step 7**
 - **Continue to work on Assignment #2**
 - **Submission of Assignment #2**

Grading

- Discussion forum posts: 20%
- Quiz #1: 5%
- Assignment 1 - short essay: 20%
- Quiz #2: 5%

- Final paper proposal: 5%
- Assignment 2 - final paper: 45%



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