

TIMBERLANDS

Foresters and forest technicians work to manage the forest. Individuals are skilled in the long term growth of trees, assessing the health of the forest, establishing management plans for landowners and are involved in the sale of timber harvests. Other positions in the timberlands sector include: wildlife biologists, silviculturists, nursery and seedling managers, hydrologist, and natural resource managers.

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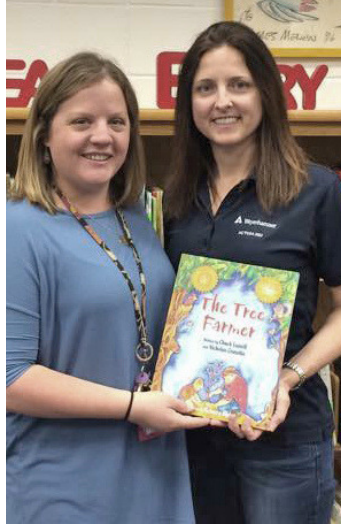
Combining chemical engineering, business management and environmental science; individuals who have an aptitude for math and science should seek a career in pulp and paper. Procurement Foresters who work in this sector are responsible for sourcing and purchasing the wood needed for mills. Careers in this pathway will work to convert raw bio-materials into paper and cellulose based products the public consumes every day. Other related careers in pulp and paper include: manufacturing, mill manager, and research and development.

CONSULTING

Consulting foresters work for private businesses and provide services for landowners. Consultants can appraise land, assist with forest land acquisitions, design forest management plans, and manage watersheds. Many consultants belong to professional organizations such as the Association of Consulting Foresters and the Society of American Foresters.

ENERGY

Trees are a renewable resource and are a leading source in creating clean biomass power as an alternate to fossil fuels. Research scientist and engineers who are interesting in finding solutions to environmental issues, should seek a career in energy.



SOLID WOOD

From dimensional lumber to furniture, the manufacturing industry is the second largest sector in NC. A diverse job market is available to individuals from tradesmen to managers. This pathway is great for individuals who enjoy working with their hands and solving problems. Career opportunities in solid wood include: mill managers, procurement, mill engineer, wood scientists, sales and marketing, and business managers.

EDUCATION

Forestry educators enjoy working with people and encouraging them to explore the environment. Professionals who work in education may choose careers in teaching, research or extension. Individuals may teach in colleges and universities, primary or secondary schools, or an informal setting such as a museum or nature center.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Career paths in this field cover a wide range of topics. Positions include: site prep, sales, administration, utilities, accountants, communications and public affairs, forest policy analyst, appraisers, and economist. Geographic Information System (GIS) is also a beneficial skill for many professions like map makers and surveyors.

STATE & FEDERAL

There are a number of regulatory agencies, which employ forestry graduates. Positions often require expertise in management planning, contracting for forestry services, working in public relations, fire control, and insect and disease control. Specialized positions include: pilots, horticulture, genetics, engineering and IT.

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