



## RUSSELL STRONG

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Montgomery Community College

## SCHOOL

Forest Management  
Wayne Community College  
Occupational Education  
Western Carolina University  
Registered Forester

## FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I enjoy seeing my students being successful in the world. From contributing to our industry to having families, I like seeing students exceed their own expectations and achieve great things."

## WHY FORESTRY?

"I came from a family that has worked in forestry for generations. My fathers family did a lot of sawmilling and saw filing work. My grandparents were some of the first loggers in British Columbia in Canada. I grew up in this community, it is in my blood."

## ADVICE

"Talk to people who work in this business. Find well respected people who are passionate about their job. Listen and learn from these individuals."



# FORESTRY INSTRUCTOR

**FORESTRY INSTRUCTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING COURSES ON FORESTRY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION SCIENCE.**

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and teach curriculum and ensure instruction correlates to college standards
- Assess and evaluate student performance and participation
- Advise students on how to achieve goals and mentor students success
- Administer all department needs including managing budgets, training and supervising faculty, purchasing equipment and organizing activities
- Liaise with college professionals, external organizations, stakeholders, and current and future students

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelors degree or higher in a preferred field
- Teaching experience is beneficial

## AVERAGE SALARY

- Nine month faculty average salary \$49,500 (reported by NC Community Colleges) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization

## SKILLS NEEDED

- Passion for teaching with a strong work ethic
- Organized with high attention to details
- Flexible and adaptable
- Confident communicator with excellent interpersonal skills



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