Kyuquot Training Program

VIU Admission Requirements:

- Participants must have Grade 10 or higher, be in good physical condition and have home internet service
- Participant Eligibility:
  - Members of First Nations in the North Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region
  - Employees of First Nations in the North Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region
- Have a demonstrated interest in environmental stewardship practices

Application Checklist:

To apply for the program, please submit the following:

- ☑ Vancouver Island University Application Form
- ☑ Resume and cover letter explaining why you are interested in the program
- ☑ Two reference letters

To Apply:

Submit your completed application with resume and references to the attention of:
Anthony Oscar, Kyuquot First Nation
anthonyo@kcfirstnations.com

To obtain an application form, please contact:
Anthony Oscar 236.238.2357 **or**
anthonyo@kcfirstnations.com

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This Kyuquot Training program reflects a collaborative partnership between Vancouver Island University and Kyuquot First Nation focused on relational land-based learning.

Vancouver Island University is a Canadian postsecondary institution located on Vancouver Island with three campuses, the main campus is in Nanaimo, with regional campuses in Duncan and tiwšɛmawtxʷ (Powell River) and a campus center in Parksville.

Kyuquot First Nation is a modern treaty government located on the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. It is a member of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.
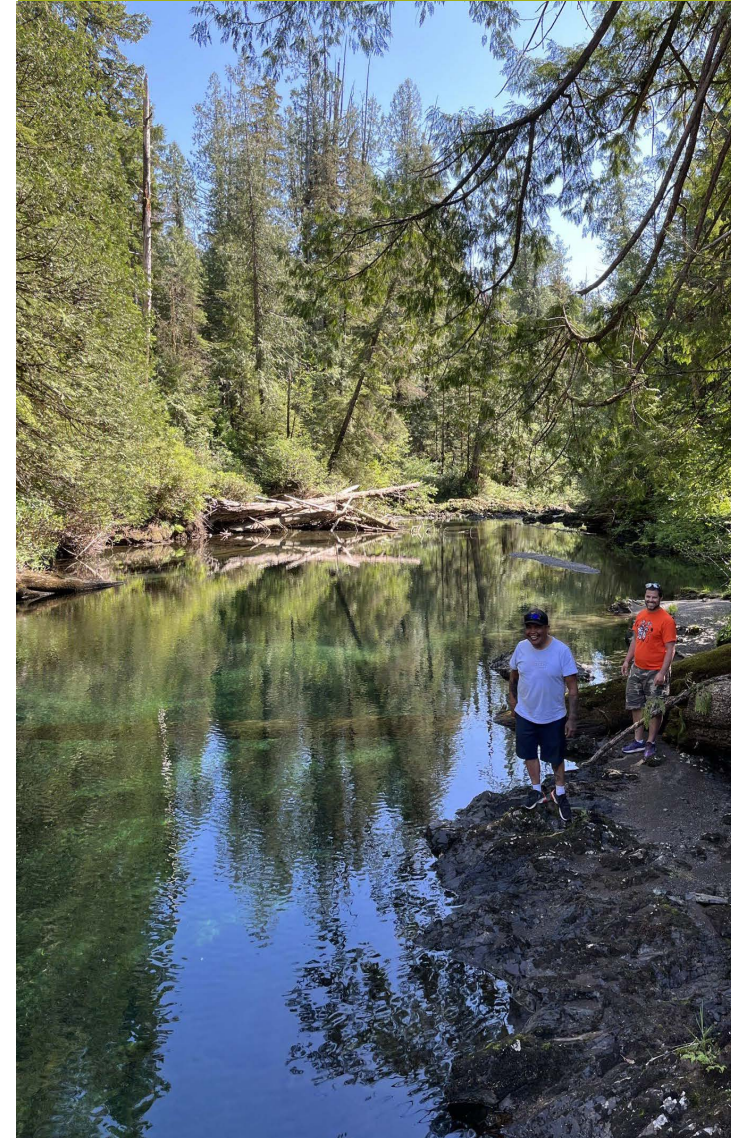
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The VIU community acknowledges and thanks the Snuneymuxw, Quw'utsun and Tla'amin, on whose traditional lands we teach, learn, research, live and share knowledge.

Kyuquot Environmental Technicians Program

Redesigned and co-created, Indigenized approaches are incorporated into program delivery resulting in a refreshed ETP for delivery in the spring of 2024. The Kyuquot Environmental Technicians Program is an intensive program focused on applied skills and knowledge to broaden your skills and expertise in the growing field of Indigenous resource guardianship. The Kyuquot Environmental Technicians Program begins in April 2024 and ends in May 2024. This training program provides an Environmental Technician Certificate, applicable to many career paths.

Learning Outcomes

- **Environmental Protection:** Students will learn to act on relevant rules and regulations to safeguard the purity of water and fish health, implement appropriate reclamation strategies where required, and carry out their daily tasks to ensure sustainability and environmental protection.
- **Professionalism:** Students will be able to act in a professional manner, including: keeping equipment clean and prepared for others; treating others with consideration and respect; communicating effectively and appropriately; being accountable for their own actions; completing assigned tasks with confidence; and being humble and willing to learn from others and from their own mistakes.
- **Leadership and Interpersonal Communications**: Students will examine and critically analyze a variety of professional and interpersonal issues affecting leadership and communications in resource management settings.
- The Environmental Technician training is designed to address the nation-wide need for certified, skilled Indigenous environmental field technicians.
  The environmental training will train practitioners in in-demand environmental monitoring skills and abilities required to assist biologists, environmental technicians, engineers, hydrologists, and site restoration and environmental monitoring professionals.
- Student will learn how to make the most of opportunities by drawing on both the depth and the breadth of their learning.
- Student will emerge with a life-long love of learning and discovery.

Program Delivery

Attendance is mandatory from Monday to Friday, seven hours a day of applied learning from April 2024 to May 2024.

The training location is Campbell River.
Tuition fees and learning resources are fully covered as is most travel and accommodations along with a living allowance (eligibility rules apply) during project timeframe.

Construction Site Monitoring Skills (NREN 022)
Standard environmental monitoring for construction sites, including site planning, erosion control, in-water construction, and environmental project field skills.

Land Monitoring Skills (NREN 023)
Standard vegetation, soil and wildlife sampling and monitoring field skills for forestry and other terrestrial applications.

Essential Field Skills (NREN 024)
Learn and improve skills such as taking field notes, using key field equipment, following safety protocols, collecting data, reading maps, and navigating.

Water Monitoring Skills (NREN 025)
Water quality surveying and sediment and invertebrate sampling field procedures for both freshwater and marine sampling.

Fish and Fish Habitat Monitoring Skills (NREN 026)
Includes fish identification, fish habitat assessments and field measurements, field hydrology, fish inventory methods, and biological sampling.

RISC Archeology and Culturally Modified Tree Inventory (ABOR 053)
Learn how to undertake archeological inventories that contribute to management plans for cultural and heritage protection.

Using the lens of Cultural Awareness
Focused on Indigenous Nations of North Vancouver Island, students learn in a space that embraces Indigenous history, and acknowledges the impacts of Canadian colonialism including the residential school system on student's education. The courses in this training include relational land-based learning and is guided by a local cultural knowledge keeper.