

EXPLORE NATURAL RESOURCES

WHAT ARE CAREERS IN NATURAL RESOURCES?

Natural Resources are materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain. These careers supply us with a multitude of food products and alternative energies, among many other important resources for sustaining our country and contribution to the world economy.

KEY SKILLS

- Monitoring
- Critical Thinking
- Oral Communication
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Active Listening
- Team Work

RELATED STUDENT ORGS

- Wisconsin Society for Conservation Biology
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences
- Environmental Science Organization
- Sierra Student Coalition

HIRING TRENDS

- Bureau of Labor Statistics expects that demand for all environmental specialists (including water quality specialists) to increase by some 11% between 2014 - 2024
- Recruitment is ongoing, depending on company needs, and networking with professionals is recommended
- Check out LinkedIn and Badger Bridge, and visit SuccessWorks to connect with alumni

COMMON JOB TITLES

- Water Quality Specialist
- Park Ranger
- Energy Analyst
- Fish, Wildlife & Parks Program Specialist
- Environmental Policy Consultant

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Forest Service
- University of Wisconsin-Extension
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Alliant Energy

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Energy Analysis and Policy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Aquatic Ecology/Limnology
- Agriculture and Enviro Systems
- Environmental Assessment
- Earth Systems & GeoInfoSystem(GIS)
- Plant Science