



## Guardian Watchmen Program – Prince Rupert, November 2009 – March 2010

First Nations communities on the Central and North coast and Northwest Community College have worked together to create a regionally appropriate and accessible training program to build and strengthen local peoples' capacity as environmental stewards, the "on-the-ground eyes and ears" of resource activity in their territories.

Delivery of the Coastal Guardian Watchmen Certificate program was piloted in Kitimat and in Haida Gwaii in 2007/2008. In response to feedback from participants minor changes have been made to the program and next delivery will take place in Prince Rupert beginning in November 2009.

**Dates below subject to slight changes.** Please refer to the college website for most current details and dates on the program: [www.nwcc.bc.ca](http://www.nwcc.bc.ca) - the program is located under the "Technical Programs" tab.

<b>Module 1 – Safety</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$810.82</b>
• Bear Awareness	Nov. 7		\$59.58
• Wilderness Safety & Survival	Nov. 8 & 9		\$127.92
• Marine Emergency Duties MED A3	Nov 16		\$68.83
• Restricted Radio Operator ROC-M	Nov 17 & 18		\$143.33
• Marine Basic First Aid	Nov 24 & 25		\$134.58
• OFA Level 1	Nov. 21		\$47.92
• Transportation Endorsement	Nov 22		\$45
• Small Vessel Operator (SVOP)	TBA		\$186.66

*Note Module1: Courses are delivered through Continuing Education – student will register for only those courses for which they do not hold current valid certification. Students will receive credit for the courses upon submission of proof (photocopy) of current certification(s).*

<b>Module 2 – Natural Resources &amp; Ecology (8 credits)</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$946.00</b>
• Guardian Watchman Stewardship	Nov 26 – Dec 4		
• Forest Ecology	Dec 7 – Dec 15		
• Maps, Charts, GPS	Jan 4 – Jan 8		

<b>Module 3 – Cultural Knowledge &amp; Interpretation (8 credits)</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$946.00</b>
• Traditional/Local Knowledge	Jan 11 – Jan 19		
• BC Cultural Stewardship	Jan 20 – Jan 28		
• Ethnobotany	Feb 1 – Feb 5		

**Module 4 – Monitoring and Compliance (8 credits)      Dates      Total      \$946.00**

- Guardian Monitoring and compliance      Feb 15 – Feb 23
- Guardian Watchman Technical Skills      Feb 24 – March 4
- Guardian Office Skills      March 8 – March 12

*Note Module 2 – 4: Please apply to the normal college processes including a Guardian Watchmen Personal Profile for those not meeting recommended Grade 10 entry*

<b>*Supplies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800</b>
*Dura Canvas Vest		\$70
*Field Book		\$7
*Rite in Rain Paper		\$19
*Reprinted materials/books		\$104
*Books		\$300
Students will require suitable outdoor gear for field Boots, raingear, hat etc.		\$300

\*These supplies will be available at the college bookstore and/or orders will be taken during first course.

**Total Cost for Guardian Watchman Program      \$4448.82**

Module 1	\$810.82
Module 2	\$946
Module 3	\$946
Module 4	\$946
Supplies	\$800

**Important Note: NWCC has \$16,000 available in bursaries from Rainforest Solutions Project and the Ministry of Environment. GW students can apply for a \$2000 bursary. These bursaries do not have to be repaid.**

**To become a student at NWCC, an applicant needs to apply and be accepted to a program before registering in courses. Please apply for the Guardian Watchman Program online at [www.nwcc.bc.ca](http://www.nwcc.bc.ca) or come into any NWCC campus and apply there.**

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