



College of Applied Biology Finalizes New Agreement with the Lethbridge College
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Victoria, BC—The College of Applied Biology (the College) has finalized a new accreditation agreement with Lethbridge College, Alberta. This new agreement is the first one outside of BC and it gives students taking the Ecosystem Management major assurance that their studies will allow them to meet the entrance requirements for designation as a Registered Professional Biologist.

The agreement specifies that graduates from the Ecosystem Management Bachelor of Applied Science program will qualify for entry into the College with the condition of taking either 2 or 3 specific courses depending on the stream used for entry.

“Providing pathways for students in diploma programs that complete further work in applied degrees is an exciting development for accreditation agreements with the College of Applied Biology. The Lethbridge College agreement is now added to our growing list of accredited programs,” says Derek Marcoux, RPBio, Registrar with the College of Applied Biology.

The College (www.cab-bc.org) was established in 2003 through the College of Applied Biology Act and regulates over 2,300 applied biology professionals. The mandate is to protect the public interest by ensuring high standards of entrance along with ongoing competency requirements and accountability of its members. Applied biology professionals provide science-based advice and expertise in resource management decisions, policies, and assessments.

“On top of being eligible as a Biologist in Training with Alberta’s Professional Biologists, students coming out of Lethbridge College with a degree in Ecosystem Management can now also expect to become eligible towards becoming accepted by the College of Applied Biology in British Columbia. With the addition of one or two basic courses on the degree, students can now expand their professional capacity and earn a credential to work in British Columbia, a real plus for many of our students who are from B.C. or have aspirations to work there” adds John Derksen, Faculty member at Lethbridge College.

The College is currently assessing other programs in postsecondary institutions including two-year diploma programs. Students attending universities and colleges in accredited programs with the College have an advantage since those who want to follow a professional career in applied biology will have a smooth transition into the profession. A list of accredited postsecondary institutions can be found at (www.cab-bc.org/accredited-post-secondary-programs). Post-secondary institutions are encouraged to contact the College of Applied Biology if they are interested in participating in this initiative.



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