

Performance of Associate in Science in Forest Technology Degree Program

The Associate in Science in Forest Technology degree program at Glenville State University is accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF). The SAF develops, maintains and implements Standards, Procedures, and Guidelines for Accrediting Educational Programs in Forest Technology. As part of these standards, Glenville State University is required to provide reliable information to the public on the performance of the degree program. Therefore, a summary of performance results is reported below.

The job placement rate and average starting salary have been estimated based upon a survey of the Forest Technology program graduates. These surveys are conducted every five years as part of the program review and the most recent one was completed in 2020. The estimated job placement rate is 67% based on the responses from graduates that obtain a job in the forestry field. The starting salaries of 50% of graduates fall within the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. Graduates are mostly employed by private industry (50%), state government (33%) or the federal government (17%).

The proportion of students retained from one year to the next and the proportion of students who graduated are shown in the table below. Overall, during the last 10 years, 75% of students are retained and 54% of students graduate from the program. These results are above the performance measures for the entire university.

| Year | % Retained | % Graduated |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2015 | 72% | 62% |
| 2016 | 82% | 72% |
| 2017 | 64% | 44% |
| 2018 | 83% | 80% |
| 2019 | 70% | 71% |
| 2020 | 67% | 90% |
| 2021 | 83% | 30% |
| 2022 | 82% | 33% |
| 2023 | 78% | 14% |
| 2024 | 67% | 0% |
| 2025 | 75% | 0% |