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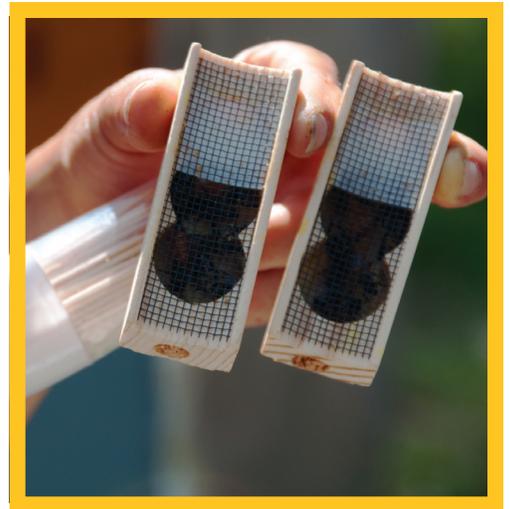
A unique one year certificate program designed to prepare graduates to earn a living as beekeepers. Classroom study combined with a 26 week industry paid practicum give students a headstart in this challenging and exciting field. What a sweet opportunity!

GPRC

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This unique program is your opportunity for an agricultural career that's outdoor, hands-on, enviro-friendly and has the potential to become a business. Commercial Beekeeping combines a thorough study of bees and the business of beekeeping. Courses include bee and honey production, hive hygiene, integrated pest management, government regulations, and value-added options for commercial operations. This classroom study combined with hands-on work experience and field trips will create a solid foundation for a career in commercial beekeeping.

A highlight is the extensive study of queen rearing. During the work practicum, students are placed with commercial beekeepers where they earn a salary while they develop practical experience with beekeeping and honey production.



Admission Requirements

English 20-2 or equivalent and Math 20-3 or equivalent. Applicants who do not meet these requirements should contact the Registrar's office.

International students must demonstrate proficiency in English at a Level 6 and satisfy GPRC's requirements for English Language Proficiency. For details contact the Registrar. International students may consider enrolling in ESL programming at GPRC prior to the Beekeeping program start to ensure English competency and establish a foundation for success in the program. Students must:

- Be 18 years of age
- Be in good general health as beekeeping is physically demanding
- Present medical documentation demonstrating non-allergic reactions to honey bee stings as students in the program will experience bee stings

Because beekeepers work with food, Canadian public health regulations may require additional health-related testing. Admission to this program is on a first qualified, first admitted basis.

Program Length

One year certificate program - 45 weeks in length. **Runs January to November** with a 26 week work practicum. (45 credits)

Accreditation

Graduates receive a certificate.

Work Practicum

Students are placed with commercial beekeeping operations for 26 weeks and paid a salary for their work.

Career Opportunities

This program provides graduates with substantive training and practical experience for a future in commercial beekeeping— as workers, lead hands or field managers or even as future entrepreneurs/owners. Graduates will be employable in Canada, the US and other parts of the world as apiary assistants, technicians, managers, or coordinators for beekeeping/honey projects in the developing world.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Theory of Apiculture (January/February)

- BK 101 (2) Basic Apiary and Field Skills
- BK 110 (3) Technical Woodworking
- BK 122 (1.5) Introductory Botany
- BK 132 (4) Honey Bee Biology
- BK 133 (1.5) Honey Bee Diseases
- BK 134 (5) Hive Management

(March - September)

- BK 135 (5) Queen Rearing

BK 200 (5) Beekeeping Work Practicum

Business of Beekeeping (October/November)

- BK 310 (1.5) Food Safety & Regulations
- BK 320 (5) Business of Bees
- BK 331 (3) Advanced Management Options
- BK 332 (4) Processing, Packaging & Marketing
- BK 333 (1) Processing & Packaging Field Trip
- BK 361 (2.5) Integrated Pest Management
- BK 365 (1) Bees & the Environment

To Register

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