

NORCAT Celebrates Inaugural Forestry Development Series Graduates

SUDBURY, ON. NORCAT, a global leader in the development and provision of skilled labour training and development programs, is proud to announce the graduation of the inaugural cohort of students from its Forestry Development Series program that train students to work as equipment operators in the Canadian forestry industry.



The graduating class of NORCAT's inaugural Forestry Development Series program.

The first intake of the six week program commenced on November 12th with 11 students living and learning at the Quetico College School in Atikokan.

Overcoming adversity and fluctuating markets, the forest industry has undergone significant transformation over the last ten years. Recent rebounds in traditional forest product markets, combined with new product and marketing opportunities in the green economy, have resulted in a recent resurgence in the industry, however, contactors face critical challenges recruiting and training potential new employees to keep up with both the demand for forest-related products and replacements for workers approaching or entering retirement.

"In launching the Forestry Development Series program, NORCAT continues to engage, educate and strengthen the future forestry workforce to meet the human capital needs of the rebounding forestry industry," says Wayne Cerven, Manager of Training and Development at NORCAT. "The theory and practical experience the trainees receive in the program provides the participants with excellent opportunities in securing full-time employment, supporting long-term economic sustainability of the forestry sector in Canada."

The program delivery utilizes practical, hands-on experiential training combined with instructor-led classroom training on various theoretical topics, including the latest in health and safety, environmental protection and responsibility and use of equipment.

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NORCAT is a global leader in skilled labour training and development focused on developing and delivering programs, services, and resources that enhance productivity and safety in the global skilled labour industries.

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