This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

**Description of Forestry**

Forestry is the profession of sustainably managing forestlands to meet society's demands for wood, clean water, wildlife habitat, recreation, conservation of forest flora and fauna, and climate alleviation. The nationally accredited Forestry curriculum provides a firm understanding of forest ecosystems, the way people view and utilize the forest, and management tools and concepts applied in forest management. The curriculum stresses "hands-on" field experience, teamwork, and developing critical thinking skills through problem analysis. The Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources is one of 52 programs nation-wide accredited by the Society of American Foresters. It is widely regarded as one of the top five forestry programs in the country. The graduate from this major will be a professional forester responsible for the resolution of competing uses of the forest and forest resources, and for the management of healthy, productive forests in meeting the owner's objectives.

**Researching Job Titles and Careers**

- **O*NET** [http://online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) (click on Find Occupations)
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook** [http://www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) (type in general term for career of interest)
- **Georgia Career Information Center** [http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu) (accessible only on campus computers)
- **Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)
- **Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Possible Job Titles**

| Arborist | Forest Resources Manager | Quality Assurance Technician |
| Asst Inventory and Analysis | Forest Technician | Research Forester |
| Asst. Manager of Operations | Forester | Research Technician |
| Consultant | Forestry Program Coordinator | Resource Forester |
| Contractor | GIS Technician | Shift Manager |
| District Tech. Forester | Inventory Accountant | Survey Forester |
| Environmental Advisor | Jr. Investment Analyst | Timber Appraiser and Buyer |
| Environmental Consultant | Management Forester | Timber Broker |
| Environmental Scientist | Outdoor Educator/Instructor | Tree Surgeon |
| Field Technician | Plant Health Care Technician | Urban Forester |
| Forest Ranger | Procurement Forester | Wood Buyer |
| Forest Research Specialist | Project Forester |

**Possible Employers**

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- Arborguard
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- Canal Wood, LLC
- Classic City Appraisals
- Consulting firms
- F & W Forest Services, Inc
- Forest Resource Consultants, Inc.
- Forest Resources Management
- Georgia Depart. of Natural Resources
- Georgia Forestry Association
- Georgia Forestry Commission
- Georgia Mountain Forestry Serv.
- Georgia Power Company
- Georgia Timberlands
- Gilmon Paper Company
- Henderson Logging
- International Paper Co. Inc.
- International Forest Company
- Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Lumber Companies
- Mulkey Enterprises, Inc.
- National Wildlife Federation
- Newkirk Environmental
- Nixon & Harris Forestry Corp.
- NYC Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Peace Corps
- Peeples Industries, Inc.
- Plum Creek Timber Co.
- Public Land Management Agencies
- Rayonier
- Resource Improvements, LLC
- Resource Solutions
- RMK Timberland Group
- S & W Forestry
- Sav A Tree
- State Forestry Commissions
- Tenneco Packaging
- Timber Companies
- Trees Atlanta
- URS Corporation
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources
Warnell School Student Organizations- http://www.warnell.uga.edu/undergrad/clubs.php
American Water Resources Association
SAF Forestry Club- http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/ugrad/forclub/
Society of Conservation Biology
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Xi Sigma Pi (National Forestry Honor Society)

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html
Connect with your Career Consultant http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants

Employment Websites
GENERAL:
CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)
DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)
GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)
Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)
USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:
Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources Job Site- http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/
Get Forestry Jobs- http://www.getforestryjobs.net/browse-all-jobs.php
Forestry USA Jobs- http://www.forestryusa.com/jobs.html
U.S. Forest Service Jobs- http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Careers- http://1.usa.gov/19b13oW
Society for Range Management Job Board- http://rangelands.org/jobs/
Alliance for Community Trees Job Board- http://actrees.org/resources/jobs-center/
The Environmental Careers Organization- http://www.eco.org
Environmental Career Opportunities- http://www.ecojobs.com/

Professional Information Resources
Georgia Forestry Commission- http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/
Georgia Forestry Association- http://www.gfagrow.org/
National Park Service- http://www.nps.gov/
ForestryUSA- http://www.forestryusa.com/
National Association of State Foresters- http://www.stateforesters.org/
Center for International Forestry Research- http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/
Forest Products Society- http://www.forestprod.org/
American Forest and Products Association- http://www.afandpa.org
 Alliance for Community Trees- http://www.treelink.org/
Tree Care Industry Association- http://www.treecareindustry.com/index.aspx
Society of Wood Science and Technology- http://www.swst.org/index.html
Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

**Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:**

**Licensure:**

Sixteen states sponsor some type of credentialing process for foresters. Alabama, California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire have licensing laws. Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina have laws requiring registration. Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and West Virginia have laws about voluntary registration.

Both licensing and registration requirements usually require a 4-year degree in forestry and several years of forestry work experience. Candidates who want a license also may be required to pass an exam.

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