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## BASIC ARBORIST TREE CLIMBING & WORK POSITIONING WORKSHOP

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**FROM:** MARITIME COLLEGE OF FOREST TECHNOLOGY

**SUBJECT:** 3-DAY WORKSHOP: AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>

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The Maritime College of Forest Technology's, Department of Continuing Education is pleased to offer our **Basic Arborist Tree Climbing & Work Positioning Workshop**.

We are excited to offer training opportunities for the growing arboriculture industry with this basic arborist tree climbing/work positioning workshop.

The College has a long history of training professionals in safe and efficient work methods in the forestry industry. Our clients include the forest industry, governments, military, First Nations, community colleges, and land owner groups. Our focus is on developing safe & efficient skills through 'hands-on' training.

The lead instructor, Brian Williams, is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Tree Worker - Aerial Lift Specialist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, Forest Technologist, and has over 8 years of experience in tree work ranging from the private industry to utility vegetation management. He is also an instructor for the Utility Arborist Program at MCFT. He uses several delivery techniques to ensure that learning objectives are met.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own climbing and safety equipment/PPE (tree climbing saddle, climbing line, minimum 3 carabiners, hitch cordage, friction management devices (micro-pulleys, cambium savers), CSA approved hard-hat with mandatory chin strap, CSA approved safety glasses, gloves, and CSA approved steel-toed footwear). High visibility clothing is recommended. If you cannot provide your own equipment/PPE MCFT has them available for rent for the course.

Please note seats are limited, so please apply early. Companies and organizations can purchase the entire course – please call us for details.

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a seat on this or any other course, please call (506) 458-0649.



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*Todd MacPherson, Supervisor  
Department of Continuing Education*

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**DATES:** This course is a full day format running from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.


**LOCATION:** The campus of the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Fredericton NB. The College has formal teaching and 'hands on' areas, as well as outdoor areas for practical sessions.

**CANDIDATES:** This program is designed for anyone who is interested in the tree climbing aspect of arboriculture. From experienced climbers that want to learn different techniques to beginner climbers/arborists.

**FORMAT:** Topics covered in this course include:

- Tree climbing history
- Tree climbing theory
- Safety requirements & safe climbing techniques
- Basic tree biology/pruning
- Pre-climb tree assessments/ gear inspection
- Friction/cambium saver installation
- Rope anatomy/dynamics
- Spur and no-spur climbing techniques
- Ascent, decent, and maneuvering techniques throughout the canopy of trees
- Theory behind dynamic double rope technique (DDRT)
- Introduction to single rope technique (SRT)

The course is delivered through:

- lectures
  - discussions
  - videos
  - indoor & outdoor practical activities
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**FACILITATOR:** Brian Williams graduated from MCFT in 2009 with both a Forest Technology and Fish and Wildlife Technology diploma. Since then, he has been working in both the private and utility arboriculture industry constantly taking training courses like production tree removal and rigging, utility tree trimming for powerline maintenance and restoration, several ISA certifications and qualifications, train the trainer, and more.

Brian's experience includes all aspects of tree work including tree climbing, aerial lift operation, tree rigging, several storm restoration efforts in the U.S and Canada, project management, supervisory experience, and more. He currently is a Vegetation Management Supervisor for NB Power and has been working in that role for 4.5 years.

He really enjoys the training and education aspect of arboriculture as he is an instructor at MCFT with the utility arborist students along with his full-time employment at NB Power.

**ENROLMENT:** Enrolment will be limited to a minimum of eight participants (one instructor) to a maximum of thirteen participants (two instructors) on a first-come, first-served basis. If your preferred course dates are full, or there is insufficient enrolment to hold the session, you will be notified as to alternate dates.

**MINIMUM AGE:** All participants must be 16 years of age or older. Proof of age may be required. Participants under 18 years of age must have a legal guardian sign a liability waiver.

**CERTIFICATION:** Upon successful completion on testing by the instructor, each participant will be awarded a certificate, hard plastic wallet card, and helmet sticker that is valid for a period of 3 years. A 1.5 day refresher course will be required after the 3 year period. Both a written and practical examination will be required and a passing grade of 75% for both.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** MCFT has a room rental agreement with the Fredericton Inn. Please dial 1-800-561-8777 and use discount code 'MCFT'.

Costs for standard rooms are:

\$109 per night single occupancy  
\$129 per night double occupancy

**MEALS:** Two nutrition breaks, lunches, snacks, and drinks are included in your tuition.

**TUITION:** Tuition for the program including supplies is \$849 plus HST. Cost does not include PPE nor climbing gear. That is available for rent at \$200 plus HST per participant.

**BASIC ARBORIST TREE CLIMBING & WORK POSITIONING WORKSHOP**  
*is equivalent to 18 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.*

