



CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you interested in doing something exciting every day? Lackawanna College can provide you with the opportunity of a lifetime!

The **Conservation and Natural Resource (CNR) Certificate** is a 15-week fall semester in which students will complete five undergraduate level field biology courses at the Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center (LCEEC) located on 211-acres of diverse habitat in Covington Township, PA.

The CNR Certificate program meets the minimum requirement of 15 undergraduate level credits in environmental science, biology, or related fields required by the Pennsylvania Civil Service Commission to take the DCNR Ranger Trainee Exam. Students will be prepared for entry-level park/forest ranger and interpreter positions in state, county, and municipal park systems. It is also a great addition to a resume for anyone seeking a career in environmental education, recreation, or natural resource conservation.

COURSE INFORMATION

The curriculum focuses on the conservation and interpretation of our natural environment. Students will gain hands-on experience in the basic principles of conservation through specific courses designed to develop the student's knowledge of Northeast United States flora and fauna and the recreational use of renewable and non-renewable resources. Students will experience both classroom and hands-on field training at more than a dozen ecologically unique locations in our region.

Courses are also transferable into a two- or four-year environmental studies program. Upon graduation, students will receive a CNR Certificate and transcripts of their undergraduate coursework. Each of the following courses will meet once a week for approximately three-hour periods during the fall semester.

CNR 100	Park Management & Environmental Interpretation
BIO 150	Wildlife Management
BIO 155	Dendrology & Wildflowers
BIO 160	Field Ornithology
BIO 255	Freshwater Ecosystems (Macro, Fish, Reptile, & Amphibian)

TUITION

Financial aid is available for this program. Tuition is subject to change. This program is also approved for WIOA funding for dislocated workers.

- Fall Semester Field Biology Courses: \$7,650
- Books: \$100
- **Total program cost: \$7,750**



JOB OUTLOOK

It is estimated that 15 to 20 park ranger positions in the Northeastern United States will be available to qualified candidates each year. The average annual starting salary for this position is approximately \$37,000. Each agency may have specific requirements for employment, including minimum age to apply, physical fitness standards, police training, and more.

Increased employment opportunities

Students interested in becoming park rangers are strongly encouraged to also take the Lackawanna College Police Academy 943-hour MPOETC ACT 120 training which would increase employment opportunities and qualify students for law enforcement ranger positions and positions within municipal police departments.

Acceptance into the CNR fall environmental semester does not guarantee your acceptance into the Police Academy. Police Academy applicants are required to pass several examinations including a physical fitness test, vision test, a psychological evaluation, and a criminal background check. Please see the College's website or call the Police Academy at (570) 961-7842 for more information.

Graduation information

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.lackawanna.edu/continuing-education/park-ranger/gainful-employment-conservation-natural-resource-officer/>

POLICE ACADEMY/ ACT 120 PROGRAM

The Lackawanna College Police Academy has produced graduates who have become leaders in law enforcement across the country. The Police Academy provides training to its Cadets in areas including law, procedure, behavioral science, police tactics, firearms training, and emergency response. These courses are taught by police professionals throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania who actively serve as police chiefs, patrol officers, special operations officers, lawyers, and judges.

LEARN MORE

Students interested in applying for the CNR Certificate program should contact:

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APPLY NOW!

Visit www.lackawanna.edu, and click on "Apply" - it's that easy! Once you have submitted the application and other supporting documents, one of our Admissions Advisors will contact you to set up your interview and campus tour.

If you are planning to use Financial Aid, remember to file your FAFSA by May 1st in order to maximize your student aid eligibility for the upcoming academic year.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

(570) 961-7898 or 1-877-346-3552 (toll free)

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TO REQUEST INFORMATION:
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ABOUT US

Lackawanna College is a private, accredited college serving the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. With a main campus situated in downtown Scranton, Lackawanna's expanding footprint also includes satellite centers in Hawley, Hazleton, New Milford, Sunbury, and Towanda, and our Environmental Education Center in Covington Township.

The curriculum at Lackawanna helps provide our students with a direct path to a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or one of many different professional certifications; and our Continuing Education department has helped put the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania back to work with the skills they need to succeed.

Lackawanna College is also one of the most cost-efficient ways to begin your pursuit of a college degree.