

Private Estates - TX
 Landscaping Companies - TX, OR
 Utility Line Maintenance Companies such as Trees, Inc.
 and the Blume Company - TX, MT, VA, WV, KA, OK, LA, FL
 Urban Forestry - City of Houston, Austin
 Family owned logging businesses
 Family owned saw and timber buying businesses
 Individual timber buying business

In addition to these permanent jobs, there are numerous temporary and seasonal jobs that Panola College gets notices about. Some of these turn into permanent jobs or get individuals leads into jobs they want. Employers express their interests in our students on the fact that we have well educated students for natural resource standards. Most have found Panola Technicians ready to hit the ground running; with only the need to learn the local agencies specifics prior to being turn loose. These employers also like the way we stress the needs of attendance, work ethics, taking instructions, working with others, following rules and regulations, assume leadership roles, and stay drug free and sober. They know that in our program a student may have excellent grades, but if they fail one or more of the above areas they usually do not receive a certificate.

The beginning salary for technicians varies between \$6.00 and \$8.50 per hour. A few graduates with only 6 years of experience are making in excess of \$30,000 per year. These individuals are those willing to take a great deal of responsibility over others and giving up the outdoors for a desk, or individuals that have gone into business for themselves. Some of the firms offering the lower hourly salaries, offer some of the best benefits.

A small number (less than 1%) of our graduates have gone on to obtain a 4-year degree. The course work from this program does not automatically transfer to schools of higher education. If this is the plans of the individual, then you should consult the school where you are planning on finishing. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department now requires all applicants (1993) to have a 4-year degree before applying for the Game Warden School, but this is not true for Fish and Wildlife Technicians in that department.

Panola's Forest technician students come from various places with 80% coming from Texas; 12% from Louisiana; and the other 8% from the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Connecticut, New Mexico, Montana, Mississippi, California, and Florida.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS IN NATURAL RESOURCES

In 1993, Panola College will be introducing a 6-month training program in Vegetation Control Technology. This program will be designed to train foremen for the utility right-of-way maintenance companies and the utility companies. These persons will also be in demand with urban tree service companies. The program will consist of 20 weeks of instruction at Panola College with another 6 weeks of instruction in an internship position in the local four state region. Upon completion and receiving a certificate, the graduate will find a vast market of jobs from Coast to Coast; as this is the only program of this nature to be found in North America.

As the demands of the market place increase; monies for new program development; and student interests increase for technicians in other areas (urban forestry technicians, park rangers, fish and wildlife technicians, land surveying technicians, forest harvesting technicians, agro-forestry technicians, conservation education technicians, or others) programs will be investigated and planned.