



# Forest Health

## Overview/Description

This course provides an introduction to Forest Health through classroom sessions and field tours, leading to a basic understanding of forest health issues and current forest health best practices.

This course aims to provide a familiarity with forest health, which is necessary to effectively integrate forest health into land management practices.

Topics covered include:

- The importance of maintaining healthy forests in Alberta.
- The link between forest health and sustainability.
- Possible effects of climate change on forest health.
- Roles and responsibilities related to managing provincial forest health issues.
- Identifying/diagnosing biotic and abiotic forest health agents of concern.
- Basic understanding of the biology of forest pests and the tactics used to manage them.
- Incorporation of forest health management into forest and land management operations and planning.

## Target Audience

Government of Alberta employees, forest industry professionals, municipal government staff and any other individuals involved in forest, and/or other natural resource management planning or interested in the identification of forest health damage agents and their management.

## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites.

## Registration

Forestry Division employees can register through your local training contact.

Others contact [htc.registration@gov.ab.ca](mailto:htc.registration@gov.ab.ca)