

## Apprenticeship Training What Is In it For Me ?

### Green Certificate Trainees are:

- interested in developing or upgrading their skills
- concerned about improving their knowledge
- located where a commercially viable farm is available for training to occur

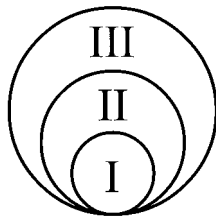
### Green Certificate Trainers are:

- interested in developing their co-workers' skills
- committed to take the time to teach and be a coach
- knowledgeable in the chosen field of expertise

### Employers of Green Certificate Trainees and Graduates are:

- supplying a training site for learning skills and applying knowledge
- ensuring productive work relationships
- managing for optimum profit

Green Certificate Trainees receive **Workers' Compensation Insurance** coverage at **No Cost**



Receive up to 16  
High School Credits

- The Green Certificate Program is recognized by Alberta Learning as two 5-credit training periods, and one 6-credit training period.
- For each of the three training periods (X, Y, Z), the Trainee's progress, ability and knowledge is monitored by their On-Farm Trainer, and assessed by a Green Certificate Regional Tester.
- During each of the three training period's testing events, the Trainee is asked to explain and perform five random skills by the Regional Tester.
- Competence in the training period is achieved when the Regional Tester certifies that the trainee's ability and knowledge meets the industry requirements.
- If the trainee is not successful in any of the five skills, they have the opportunity to return to their training farm, brush up on their skill level, and return to another regional testing event to try again, **without any academic penalty.**

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# Sheep Technician

*Green Certificate Program*  
~ a blend of the interests  
of Trainees, Trainers, and  
Employers to improve the  
overall standard of  
performance in farming ~



**GREEN CERTIFICATE**  
**LEVEL ONE**

# Certification gives participants valuable skills in:

## Sheep Health Maintenance

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of sheep anatomy and physiology
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of common sheep health disorders
- Interpret labels and administer animal health drugs
- Perform basic animal first aid
- Dispose of dead animals appropriately
- Apply internal and external pest control materials

## Handling Sheep

- Demonstrate a knowledge of sheep behavior and handle sheep
- Individually identify sheep
- Tip a sheep
- Crutch a sheep
- Dock and castrate lambs
- Trim hooves
- Shear a sheep (Optional)
- Handle wool
- Use a dog in a sheep operation (Optional)
- Manage grazing system

## Operate Farm Equipment

- Follow safe farm vehicle driving regulations
- Haul sheep with farm trucks (Optional)
- Safely operate (in fields/on roads), maintain & service:
  - farm tractors
  - trucks & tractors with equipment in tow (Optional)
  - tractors with front end loader (Optional)

## Sheep Feeding & Waste Management Operations

- Supervise daily supply of water to sheep
- Carry out feeding plan for all ages of stock
- Operate & service feed handling equipment
- Perform, cleaning routine of sheep handling and housing facilities

## Sheep Production

- Identify types of sheep enterprises
- Classify sheep by purpose
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of sheep nutrition
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of sheep reproduction, lambing & fostering
- Manage lambs
- Maintain records
- Maintain fence and corrals
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the code of practice
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the marketing of sheep & sheep products

## Harvest, Handle and Store Forage Crops – Optional

- Safely operate and maintain:
  - hay cutting equipment
  - forage harvester
  - square baler (~40kg)
  - round baler
  - hay rake/windrow inverter
  - silage dump wagon
  - silage bagger
  - big bale wrapper
  - silo blower
  - forage additive applicator
  - bale collector
- Prepare forage crop storage facilities
- Store forage harvesting equipment
- Pack bunker silage using a tractor

## Employability, Communication & Safety

- Manage your training & continuing education
- Effectively communicate and interact on the job
- Manage time effectively
- Demonstrate knowledge of personal financial principles (Optional)
- Manage your health and safety on the job
- Use a fire extinguisher and combat a small fire
- Perform basic first aid procedures
- Safely handle hazardous farm materials