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Commercial Beekeeping



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Commercial beekeeping is about managing a farm-based business. To prepare students for a career in bee farming, the program includes all aspects of beehive management and honey processing. It includes how to start a business, how to finance it and how to manage day to day operations such as bookkeeping, accounting, banking and sales. The program also includes farm trades such as basic carpentry, farm welding, forklift certification, first aid training and small engine operation and maintenance.

The program also teaches non-traditional beekeeping revenue opportunities that includes the business of bee livestock production, bee pollen processing, propolis processing, nest removals and urban host-a-hive. It includes Apitherapy (healing with honey and bee products) and creating value-added products such as tinctures, ointments, skin care products, cosmetics, mold making, and mead making.

CAREER POTENTIAL

There is an acute shortage of beekeepers in British Columbia as well as many other parts of the world. Pollination services are in high demand, especially for berry crops in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley region. The world price of honey is at an all-time high due to a shortage of bees and changing consumer preference for honey over sugar. Beekeepers help the pollination of wild flowers, shrubs, and trees, resulting in a greener, healthier, and more beautiful planet.

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Register to attend an Information Session or apply for the program by completing an online Student Application.

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