



Ok, get prepared ...

You've got three options –Technician, Technologist or Professional Surveyor. Whichever option you choose, you need to make sure you do the research and get the right high school credits for entry into a college or university program. This means math (possibly calculus), and depending on your option, may also mean physics, chemistry, and English or French depending on the school.

College Technician option ...

Some colleges offer a 1 or 2 year program that will train you for a career as a field or office technician.

College Technologist option ... and maybe more ...

Other colleges have 2 or 3 year programs that will provide training for a field or office technologist position.

This could also be a starting point for further studies at university, or through a self-study and examination program run by the surveying profession, to become a fully licensed Professional Surveyor.

Professional Surveyor for sure ...

The most direct route to that Professional Surveyor status is a university degree program in geomatics engineering, with a specialization in surveying. You will need to qualify for entry into a university engineering degree program.

Another route to becoming a professional surveyor is a college or technical institute program plus further studies at university or a series of self-study examinations that lead to the equivalent of a university degree.

Once you have your university degree or equivalent, you will spend some time (1 to 3 years) employed with a licensed professional surveyor gaining valuable experience. This is usually called articling. You will then write professional exams with the surveyors association in your jurisdiction and complete the requirements for a professional licence.

The Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS) has a [guidebook](#) with detailed information on the steps to qualify as a licensed professional surveyor.

Get the details now...

Look [here](#) for direct links to college and university programs across Canada, and talk to your school guidance councillor. That will give you what you need to know about the programs that interest you and what you need now to qualify when you finish high school.

Thinking of schooling or a career in Quebec ...

The Quebec surveyors have specific requirements and programs. Contact the [Ordre des arpenteurs-géomètres du Québec](#) directly for details.

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