



Thinking of College...

Thinking of a college or technical institute program and interested in surveying?

You have options!

Get prepared ...

You will need a high school diploma with certain credits to get into most college and technical institute programs in surveying. This will include a math (possibly calculus), physics, and English or French – prerequisites depend on the school.

Many schools (high schools and colleges) have programs to help you get what you need if you don't have it all now. Read on and then talk to the schools you are interested in learning more about.

College technician option ...

Some colleges offer a 1 or 2 year program that will provide training as a field or office technician.

College technologist option ... and maybe more ...

Others have 2 or 3 year programs that will train you for a career as a field or office technologist.

The most direct route to a professional surveyor career is a university degree, but college options can be a starting point for further studies at university, or for gaining the equivalent to a degree through a self-study and examination program run by the surveying profession. Several colleges have special arrangements for transfer of credits with a nearby university.

Professional Surveyor

If you decide to go the professional route, and once you have your university degree or equivalent, you will spend some time (1 to 3 years) working 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 technical institute programs across Canada. The people at these schools are great at answering specific questions about their program and what you need to apply. If you are missing any of the entry requirements, many have programs to help you fill those gaps.

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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