



ADMINISTRATION

POSITIONS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY



IT SPECIALISTS

OTHER JOB TITLES: *computer systems analyst, informatics consultant, informatics security analyst, information systems business analyst, information systems quality assurance analyst, management information systems (MIS) analyst.*

IF YOU WANT GOOD PAY, OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ON THE JOB, A GREAT LIFESTYLE AND THE CHANCE TO WORK IN CANADA'S GREENEST WORKFORCE, THEN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

Why green? The forests are a renewable natural resource and the Canadian forest products industry is known for its world-class environmental credentials, including having the most certified forests in the world, and cutting more than 70% of its greenhouse gas emissions since 1990.

The industry offers something for everyone. It's an industry with a reputation for investing in skills training and career growth, and no matter what part of the forest products industry you work in - on the mill floor as a mechanical engineer, or in the forest as a forestry technician - every job is part of the greenest industry in Canada.

Canadian forest product companies will need to hire 60,000, or more, **new workers by 2020** to meet demand and you could be one of them!

DESCRIPTION

Information technology specialists use their computer skills in a variety of ways in the forest products industry. Managing land-related data with geographic information systems (GIS) is a key duty. IT specialists also maintain computer networks, run databases, record data in the field, and manage software applications.

Working as an IT specialist might also require you to develop and implement information systems. You may also provide technical support and troubleshooting services to staff.

Working as an IT specialist opens up the opportunity to move up to supervisory or managerial positions.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

IT specialists perform a wide range of responsibilities. On any given day, you might:

- confer with clients to identify and document requirements
- design, develop, integrate and implement information systems
- provide advice on information systems strategy, policy, management, security and service delivery
- develop and implement policies and procedures throughout the software development life cycle to maximize the efficiency
- conduct reviews to assess quality assurance practices, software products and information systems

THIS JOB IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF...

- you want to live an oversized life in one of Canada's beautiful forest communities
- a sense of community is important to you
- you like variety and learning new things
- you want to make a difference working in a green job
- you like computers
- you take a systematic approach to problems
- you have an eye for details
- you like numbers

\$ EARNING POTENTIAL



This is the high end of the Canadian average. In some areas, more senior IT specialists make \$61 per hour.

+ BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE

- Apprenticeships
- Career growth
- Daycare
- Dental and medical plans
- Employee assistance plans
- Pensions
- Ongoing training

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

A bachelor's degree in computer science, computer systems engineering, software engineering, business administration or a related discipline will open up an array of opportunities in the forest products industry. You can also opt for a college program in computer science. Certification or training from software vendors will also enhance your options. Here is a complete list of Canadian Universities and Colleges: thegreenestworkforce.ca/education

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