

# Northern Lights College

# Wilderness Guide School



## Guide Foundations

**\$9750 + GST (manuals included)**

230 hours

2026SC WFTR-HT30-DP001

Hybrid Delivery

## Course Dates & Schedule

### **Online (30 hours)**

April 14-May 21, 2026

Tuesday & Thursdays | 5 pm - 8 pm

Microsoft Teams

### **Face-to-Face (200 hours)**

June 1-June 27, 2026

Monday-Saturday | 8 am – 5 pm

NLC Farm (Dawson Creek)

## Course Description

Guide Foundations is the first of 3 programs in NLC's Wilderness Guide School. Learners will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in BC's guide outfitting industry.

This program will introduce learners to the professional world of guide outfitting in British Columbia. Designed in collaboration with Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC), Guide Foundations explores the history and traditions of guiding in BC, the laws and regulations that govern the industry, and the essential technical and interpersonal competencies needed for success.

Course modules include field relationships and cultural communication, vehicle and engine operation, camp equipment and setup, and the use of hunting gear. Learners will gain an understanding of each phase of a guided hunt—from preparation and planning to species-specific hunts and post-harvest procedures. By the end of the course, learners will have the foundational knowledge and applied skills required to work confidently and safely in the backcountry under professional guide outfitters.



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## **Prerequisites**

- Possession & Acquisition License (PAL)
- Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE)
- Foodsafe Level 1 (or equivalent)
- Remote Wilderness First Aid (20 hours)

NLC Workforce Training & Continuing Education offers Foodsafe Level 1 and Remote Wilderness First Aid.

## **Certifications** (awarded upon successful completion of courses & exams)

- Assistant Hunting Guide Certification through GOABC
- ATV/UTV Safety
- Basic Chainsaw Safety
- S-100 Basic Fire Suppression & Safety

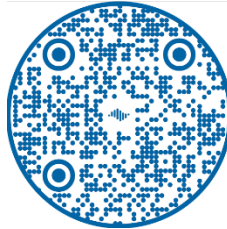
## **Students Need to Supply** (for face-to-face portion)

- Sleeping bag / pillow / sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Packs (Day, Multi, Expedition/Frame)
- Steel-toe boots
- Hiking boots
- Rubber boots
- Work gloves
- Outdoor clothing
- Rain gear
- Knife / multi-tool
- Any personal hunting/guide items (no firearms)

## **Registration & More Information**

To register, contact the Workforce Training & Continuing Education or visit us on any campus.

Registration closes April 7, 2026. For information, visit [nlc.bc.ca/wilderness\\_guide](https://nlc.bc.ca/wilderness_guide)



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