

Program Pathway Transfer Agreement

between

Simon Fraser University

Faculty of Environment

School of Resource and Environmental

Management Bachelor of Environment, Resource

and Environmental Management (Management

Stream)

and

British Columbia Institute of Technology

School of Construction and the Environment

Forest and Natural Areas Management Diploma

Overview/Background

This transfer pathway agreement between Simon Fraser University's (SFU) Bachelor of Environment in Resource and Environmental Management (REM) and British Columbia Institute of Technology's (BCIT) Diploma in Forest and Natural Areas Management (FNAM) would formalize a pathway that recognizes the strong alignment between the two programs' learning outcomes. BCIT's FNAM diploma provides students with applied, field-based training in sustainable forest management and stewardship, preparing graduates for work in the resource management sector. SFU's REM program builds on these foundations by offering an interdisciplinary education that integrates natural and social sciences, environmental policy, planning, and sustainability-focused problem solving. This agreement supports student mobility, reduces barriers to transfer, and contributes to a coordinated provincial ecosystem of environmental education by providing FNAM graduates the opportunity to transfer almost seamlessly into third year of the REM, Management Stream Bachelor of Environment program.

Rooted in shared institutional goals, this agreement expands access to environmental education, strengthening pathways between applied and academic training, and meeting labour-market demand for professionals skilled in sustainable resource management. For BCIT, the agreement offers graduates a clear route to further academic advancement and expanded career opportunities. For SFU, it supports students with strong field competencies and practical experience that enrich classroom learning and align with REM's emphasis on applied, solutions-oriented environmental management.

Agreement Details

Under the terms of this agreement, graduates of the BCIT FNAM Diploma may be awarded up to 60 transfer credits to be applied towards SFU's BEnv, REM (Management Stream). The admission pathway requires completion of the BCIT FNAM Diploma program. To qualify students, both Domestic and International, must have a CGPA of at least 2.75.

Students who have completed a minimum of 84 credits (of the 112 credits) for the BCIT Diploma may also apply under this pathway, however transfer credits awarded will be reduced to reflect completed course work.

Applicants from BCIT must follow all application procedures of SFU, including applying for admission and submitting all post-secondary and high school academic transcripts, relevant test scores (e.g., IELTS, etc.), and supplementary documents as required. Completion of the FNAM diploma does not guarantee admission to SFU.

Program Details

The table below outlines the course transfer to be awarded between BCIT's FNAM courses and SFU's REM courses.

BCIT FNAM Required Courses		SFU REM (Management Stream) Equivalent Courses	
Course no. and title	Credit	Course no. and title	Credit
RENR 1105 Natural Resource Measurements; RENR 1125 Plant Identification and Perspectives; and RENR 2300 Ecosystem Principles and Identification	12	REM 211 Introduction to Applied Ecology	3
COMM 1155 Professional Communications and Practices for Resource Management; COMM 2155 Technical Writing and Communication	7	REM 202W Technical Communication for Environmental Professionals and Planners (W)	3
RENR 1310 Introduction to Earth Science and Hydrology; RENR 1320 Identifying and Describing Soils	6	GEOG 111 Earth Systems	3
MATH 1455 Technical Mathematics for Natural Resources; MATH 2453 Statistics for Natural Resources	9	GEOG 251 Quantitative Geography (Q)	3

FNAM 2200 Forest Inventory and Sampling 1 & FNAM 3200 Forest Inventory and Sampling 2; FNAM 3820 Silviculture & FNAM 4810 Applied Silviculture	17	REM 471 Forest Ecosystems and Management	4
RENr 2310 GIS for Natural Resource Applications	4	GEOG 255 Geographical Information Science I	3
FNAM 2700 Wildlife and Habitat Stewardship	3	REM 388 Wildlife Conservation	3
FNAM 2800 Land Management Principles	3	REM 200 Introduction to Resource and Environmental Management in Canada	3
FNAM 3800 Forest Management and Indigenous Perspectives	4	INDG 286 Indigenous Peoples and British Columbia: An Introduction	3
FNAM 1100 Introduction to Biology for Forestry	4	BISC 102 General Biology	4
RENr 1300 Field Navigation	4	REM 1XX	3
FNAM 1500 Workplace Safety and Skills	5	REM 1XX	3
RENr 2111 Digital Field Data Collection for Natural Resources	4	REM 1XX	4
One of FNAM 2400 Forest Engineering and Operations 1 OR FNAM 3400 Forest Engineering and Operations 2	10	REM 1XX	4
FNAM 2600 Principles of Entomology and Pathology	3	REM 1XX	3
One of FNAM 3231 Technical Projects 1 OR FNAM 4231 Technical Projects 2	9	REM 2XX	4
FNAM 4600 Forest Health and Climate Change	3	REM 2XX	3
FNAM 4670 Wildland and Community Fire Management	4	REM 2XX	4
TOTAL	111	TOTAL	60 (including 7 Upper Division)

Additional Elements of the Transfer Agreement

Students must have a minimum grade of C on all transferable science courses to use them as pre-requisite courses at SFU.

Students who were required to withdraw or were not in good academic standing upon leaving a former post-secondary institution are not eligible for consideration under this admission pathway.

Program Changes/Review

Each institution will inform the other of any changes in the institution's program(s) that may affect this Transfer Pathway Agreement. Updates to the program profiles will be appended to this agreement when applicable. Any substantive change(s) to either program may initiate an evaluation of the course with associated changes to determine if changes in credits and transferability may occur.

Term/Timeline

This agreement will be in effect for a period of three years, September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2029. This agreement may be renewed or extended with the written agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party with six months' written notice to the other party.

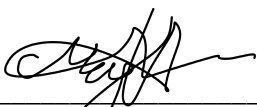
Any notice of termination should be addressed as follows:

if to Simon Fraser University,
Attention: Director, University Curriculum & Institutional Liaison
Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
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if to the British Columbia Institute of Technology
Attention: Office of the Vice-President, Academic
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Program Pathway Transfer Agreement Signatories:

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, by its authorized signatory:



Meg Holden

Director, School of Resource & Environmental Management

____29 Jul 2026____

Date



Sean Markey

Dean, Faculty of Environment

____July 29, 2026____

Date



Peter Hall

Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic

____2026/08/12____

Date

BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, by its authorized signatory:

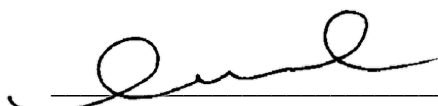
Steve Finn

Steve Finn,

Associate Dean for Natural Resources and Environment

____July 30, 2026____

Date



Michael Currie

Interim Dean, School of Construction and the Environment

____July 31, 2026____

Date



Jennifer Figner

Provost and Vice-President, Academic

____August 11, 2026____

Date