PRE-REQUISITES:
A standard one to two-day First Aid course is required as a co-requisite to the Electrofishing Certification training.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:
Course participants are required to provide their own personal protective equipment: leak-free chestwaders, wading belt, non-slip footwear, polarized glasses, and a hat with a brim (e.g., ball cap).

COURSE FEES:
Course fees will vary by course delivery location. For further information, please contact NRTG.

HOW DO I ATTEND?
The FFS is available via our website schedule, or on contract to community groups. The FFS is regularly scheduled for community-based deliveries throughout the year (providing suitable weather). Interested groups or organizations can also arrange for an ‘in-house’ or contract delivery of the FFS. In either scenario, contact NRTG for further information.

If you would like to have the FFS delivered to your group or community, please consider the following:

1) Contact us well in advance of your preferred course start date.
2) Identify and secure program funding (if applicable).
3) Recruit sufficient number of course participants (most NRTG courses have minimum enrollments of 8-10 participants).
4) Coordinate course participant equipment, classroom facility, and contractual agreement with NRTG.

TESTIMONIALS:

“The instructor and program were amazing.”  Tyrell Worrell, Biologist

“Really enjoyed the course and your fabulous teaching skills. I was telling a lot of folks how great a teacher you are!” Shawna Wilkinson, Parks Ranger

“Course and instructor was fantastic!” Steve Jennings, Natural Resource Manager

“Very practical course, great instructor. One of the best courses I’ve ever taken.” Matt Joyce, Biologist

“Great course, great instructor. “Lana Miller, Habitat Biologist

“By far the most interesting and engaging course.” Dr. Martin Poesch

“Fantastic instructor: encouraging and enthusiastic. Not in the least bit intimidating. The course was excellent!” Justin Hanisch, Biologist

“Everything was great – superb instructor!” Katherine Taylor, Project Scientist

“Great instructor, great class and field components. In my mind, the course was perfect!” Ken Meeks, Biologist
FISHERIES FIELD SKILLS PROGRAM (FFS)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The Fisheries Field Skills Program (FFS) is a leading edge, field-based Fisheries field skills training program. The FFS is delivered on-demand, in communities throughout North America, utilizing local streams and watersheds as the ‘classroom’. The 80-hour (two-week) FFS provides field-based training in realistic scenarios, where course participants learn how to perform technical skills and procedures under the direction of experienced instructors and practitioners.

The FFS provides participants with in-demand skills and knowledge in fish identification, fisheries field techniques, fish and fish habitat inventory and assessment, electrofishing certification, and water quality sampling and monitoring techniques.

OBJECTIVE:
FFS graduates are skilled and certified fisheries field technicians. Graduates of this program are qualified to perform fish and fish habitat inventory and assessments directly or as an Assistant to professional biologists, hydrologists, experienced technicians and other fisheries professionals. Upon successful completion, participants will be qualified and able to:

- Conduct standard fish and fish habitat inventory and assessment procedures
- Conduct backpack electrofishing surveys
- Perform water quality sampling procedures
- Conduct fisheries field hydrology procedures
- Observe, record, report and manage fisheries field data
- Conduct advanced fish habitat and fish population assessments
- Conduct biological sampling methods and design a biological sampling program
- Conduct fish inventory & capture procedures
- Design and conduct a stream invertebrate sampling program
- Isolate an instream construction project and conduct a fish salvage

COURSE FORMAT:
The 80-hour (two-week) Fisheries Field Skills Program is delivered Monday to Friday, over two consecutive weeks. The daily format is typically an 8-hour session, delivered almost entirely in realistic field conditions. The FFS delivery ‘season’ will vary by region, as the program requires suitable field conditions (unfrozen stream water, and suitable water temperatures and flow levels, etc.).

WHO ENROLLS IN THE FFS?
Course participants typically include; current fisheries field technicians and biologists, Aboriginal stakeholders, resource workers, individuals new to the industry, and graduates of other natural resource-related programs.

About NRTG:
Natural Resources Training Group (NRTG) is a privately-registered training agency specializing in developing and delivering quality ‘hands-on’, fisheries and natural resource-related training programs. We deliver our short, applied ‘professional development’ programs to industry professionals, stakeholders, and aboriginal groups in communities throughout North America.

NRTG staff include recognized leaders in training, program development, and the natural resource sectors. Our staff provide 30+ years and 10,000 hours of instruction, program development and industry experience as instructors and educators, managers, consultants, and practitioners.

NRTG programs reflect our knowledge and experience, where you gain valuable, in-demand, and practical skills and abilities. NRTG courses and programs fast-track your career by offering skills training that would take years of industry experience to acquire.

Join 14,000 satisfied past students, and let our industry experience and training expertise work for you.