

Title: Harvesting of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)

Code: 4777

Credits: 48

Duration: 720 hours

Training sector: Forestry and Pulp and Paper (12)

Certification of studies: Skills Training Certificate (STC) (awarded exclusively by recognized educational institutions)

Authorized in: 2026

Mandated recognized educational institution: des Samares

Participating recognized educational institutions: de l'Énergie, de l'Estuaire, de la Capitale

Occupation: Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) Gatherer

Program of study objectives: NTFP gatherers possess the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to gather wild mushrooms and fruits, northern nuts, herbs, buds, leaves and needles, flowers, sap, roots, rhizomes, tubers, pollen, resins, aromatic plants and medicinal plants in Quebec's natural environments. These gatherers work for small or medium-sized businesses that process non-timber forest products, packaging facilities, solidarity cooperatives, etc. They may also sell their produce to restaurants, buyers or at public markets. Some individuals may also grow non-timber forest products and sell them directly for commercial purposes.

Conditions of admission:

To be eligible for admission to the *Harvesting of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)* program, candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

- 1** Have obtained at least Secondary III credits or the equivalent in the language of instruction, second language and mathematics
 - or** Have obtained an Attestation of Equivalence of Secondary V Studies (AESS)
 - or** Have successfully completed the General Development Test (GDT) with or without specific prerequisites
- 2** Have interrupted their full-time studies for at least 12 months
 - or** Are 18 years old when entering training
 - or** Have obtained a Secondary School Diploma (SSD) or a Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) or their equivalent
 - or** Meet the eligibility conditions of Services Québec's workforce training measure

This program is accessible via the [TCST-STC bridge](#).

PROGRAM OF STUDY CONTENT

AEP Code	Statement of the Competency	Hours
AEP 777-012	Determine their suitability for the occupation and the training process	30
AEP 777-023	Prevent occupational health, safety and environmental hazards	45
AEP 777-036	Recognize the market potential of non-timber forest products	90
AEP 777-041	Act to protect non-timber forest products	15
AEP 777-053	Move within a harvesting site	45
AEP 777-062	Carry out basic administrative tasks	30
AEP 777-077	Harvest non-timber forest products	105
AEP 777-084	Package the harvested products	60
AEP 777-095	Cultivate non-timber forest products	75
AEP 777-103	Market non-timber forest products	45
AEP 777-114	Prepare and lead activities for the general public	60
AEP 777-128	Enter the workforce	120

Harmonization work conducted for the *Harvesting of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)* program has not led, at this time, to the identification of common competencies with other programs of study.

Documentation available upon request

- Work Situation or Profession Analysis Report (Rapport de l'AST ou de l'AP)
- Program of Study (Programme d'études)
- RAC Tools (Instrumentation RAC)
- Proposed Training Plan (Projet de formation)
- Organizational Guide (Guide d'organisation)
- Harmonization Table (Tableau d'harmonisation)
- Evaluation Framework (Cadre d'évaluation)