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<td>Description of Credential</td>
<td>Forestry and forest products manufacturing has an $11 billion dollar impact on Louisiana’s economy and is the largest agricultural based industry in Louisiana. As demand in cardboard shipping has led to a growth in brown paper manufacturing, the need for plywood and other construction grade building materials has increased. New industries are on the horizon in wood pellets and biofuels.</td>
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<td>Part of which Graduation Pathways</td>
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| Associated with Which Careers? | 5 Star: First Line Supervisors in Production, Sales Representative in Manufacturing  
4 Star: Forester, Team Assemblers  
3 Star: Forest and Conservation Workers |
| Entry-Level Annual Salaries | $29,413 – $34,667 |

### Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students

**Standard / Curriculum**
The curriculum is three-fold:
- Curriculum aligned with earning the Louisiana Agritechnology Statewide Credential (Agriscience I, II, and III).
- Curriculum and Rules for the Louisiana Future Farmers of America (FFA) Forestry Career Development Event (CDE)
- Curriculum for Forestry 010361 (1 credit)

**Testing Methodology**

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**Re-Testing Procedures**
The Louisiana Examination of Advanced Forestry (LEAF) is a performance exam that is taken in a forest environment. Students will perform practicums totaling 100 points. The exam is created through a partnership between the FFA and the forest industry which will consist of practicums pertaining to forest: science, health, management practices, ecology, measurement, business, manufactured products, economics, safety, improvement, and sustainability. In order to qualify for the Louisiana Examination of Advanced Forestry, students must have:
1. Earned the Louisiana Agri-technology Basic Statewide Credential.
2. Scored proficient (70%) in the Louisiana FFA Forestry CDE at the Area level (Four offered per year).
The LEAF will be offered at least twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Testing location will be communicated with agriculture teachers at least 30 days prior to the testing date.
### Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers

**Bulletin 746, Chapter 5:** All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they’re teaching students to attain.

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<th>Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)</th>
<th>Teachers must hold the Louisiana Agri-technology certification, have scored 70% in the FFA Forestry CDE and passed the Louisiana Examination of Advanced Forestry with at least a 70%.</th>
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| Proctoring / Test Security (if any)                           | Each Forestry CDE and LEAF exam will be validated by one or more of the following organizations:  
  - Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry  
  - LSU Agcenter  
  - Louisiana Tech School of Forestry  
  - LSU Renewable Natural Resources (RNR)  
  - Louisiana Forestry Association  
  - Kisatchie National Forest (various district personnel)  
  - Southland Timber  
  - JKM Logging  
  - North Louisiana Surveying and Mapping  
  - Molpus Wood Group  
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
  - International Paper Inc.  
  - Other forest products manufacturers, foresters, and university programs aligned with the Louisiana Forestry Association. |

### Certification Tracking

| Credentialing Documentation | **IBC # 466:** The certifying credential provided by Louisiana Forestry Association will serve as the official credential for accountability purposes.  
  [Picture of Forestry Credential](#) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Certification Tracking System | **Online Tracking System?** NO  
  **Details** Credential can be verified by email at lfa@laforestry.com |

**Other Details**  
- **Expiration Timeframe**  
  If the completer enters the forestry or wood products industry within five years of certification, then the credential remains valid for every year of employment. If not, re-certification must be obtained every 5 years.

### Certification Costs / Funding Sources

| Cost Details | $100.00 exam fee. The Louisiana FFA Association will invoice.  
  **Re-test / Refund Policies** | $100.00 retake fee. Cannot retake on the same day. |

| Funding Sources | CDF? | Yes  
  Forestry (010361) | Perkins? | Yes  
  Alternative Source (other than General Funds) | N/A |
| Certifying Agency Contact Info | Henry Eric Smith, Ph.D.  
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1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the graduation pathway you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = Career Development Fund