

Program Description

Columbia's **Outdoor Leadership program** develops Christ-centered leaders with the technical competencies to become emerging professionals in industries such as adventure tourism, camp ministry, and various emergency services.

This diploma progresses from the Emergency Rescue Technician certificate which focuses on team leadership and first responder disciplines. The Outdoor Leadership program helps students broaden their technical and organizational leadership competencies.

Students are immersed in technical training in mountain, aquatic, and medical environments. This selection allows for exploration in various disciplines and offering the ability to sustainably navigate the seasonal challenges of many outdoor industries.

Program Objectives

1. Students will cultivate Christ-like character through on-going team leadership development and foundational biblical and theological studies.
2. Students will gain an aptitude for the professionalism, decision making, and effective communication required in various first responder and outdoor industries.
3. Students will gain a working knowledge of hazard identification and risk management in both pre-planning and active phases of an operation.
4. Students will meet industry standards for certification in several selected foundational disciplines.