

Program Description

Columbia's **Emergency Rescue Technician certificate** is a one-year professional development program with biblical foundations and Christian discipleship woven throughout. The ERT program offers a hands-on learning experience with industry-recognized certifications and practical leadership development.

Graduates of this program will be equipped with a range of aptitudes and skills that will set them up to pursue careers such as: first responder, adventure guide, ski patroller, outdoor educator, industrial safety technician, and more.

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 skills.