

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



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The **Crops & Livestock Research Centre** hires about 20 students each year who work in such areas as **field research, laboratory research, and grounds keeping.**

They look for university students with an education in biology, microbiology, molecular biology, and chemistry. Community college students studying agriculture, agronomy, horticulture, and plant science are also hired.

Work is full-time from May to August and can extend to part-time work during the school year.

“These positions are a great way to find out more about how much research goes on at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on PEI,” says Gail. “Many science students who have worked with us as summer students have changed their goals to pursue a career in agriculture.”

Applicants must apply through the **Federal Student Work Experience Program** at www.jobs.gc.ca.

For more information about careers with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, visit www.agr.gc.ca Click on **Employment Opportunities** to find a list of jobs open to the public.



Applying for jobs with Federal Public Service

For information about careers in the federal public service and a list of job openings, visit www.jobs.gc.ca The site also has job profiles, practice tests, and tips for applying.

Visit the site often. Jobs are posted for a very short time - often just a few days. When you apply for a job, read the job posting carefully and make sure your cover letter and resumé demonstrates how you satisfy all the criteria listed.

Professionals talk to students about their careers

A Career Showcase was a new addition to the **UPEI Job Fair** this year. **Dick MacDonald** and **Perry Williams** of **PEI Works** joined forces with **UPEI Career Services**. The showcase provided opportunities for UPEI students to meet with individuals representing a wide range of careers.

For more information about **PEI Works**, visit www.peiworks.com

Below are profiles of two careers available on PEI

Architect



William Chandler has been an architect for 24 years, and has had his own firm, **William W. Chandler Architects**, for the past 18 years.

They employ two architects, four architectural technicians, and an administrative staff person.

William earned a degree in Physics at UPEI and then went on to a Bachelor of Education. He worked out west before deciding to study at the School of Architecture at the Technical University of Nova Scotia, now Dalhousie University.

There are seven architectural firms on PEI. The Architects Association of PEI has about 15 Island members. Many government public works departments have architects on staff.

Architects direct a project from design, to production of the blueprints, to the construction phase. They work with the owner and the construction contractor to monitor the progress of the project, trouble shoot, modify the design and make decisions quickly so as not to hold up construction.

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Education

Students take two years of general university studies and then go on to two years at a school of architecture to earn a Bachelor of Architecture. Two more years of study result in a Masters of Architecture. In order to become Registered Architects, graduates must work under the supervision of an architect for three years and write professional exams.

“I love the creativity and the variety of the work I do,” says William. “I have worked on hotels, schools, retail stores, and museums. Every project is different, and has its own rewards and challenges.”

For more information about **William W. Chandler Architects**, visit www.wcarch.com



For information about the **Architects Association of PEI**, visit www.aapei.com

Respiratory Therapist



Andrea Rector is a **Respiratory Therapist (RT)** who works at the QEH in Charlottetown. “I fell into this profession,” says Andrea. “I had a degree in Psychology, and I always knew I wanted to work in healthcare, but I didn’t want to be a nurse. I took occupational quizzes on-line, and RT kept coming up, so I enrolled in the RT program at New Brunswick Community College in St. John.”

After graduation, Andrea worked as a casual in St. John, and eventually moved to Charlottetown when a job opening came up. She worked as a casual at the QEH, became temporary full time, and is now permanent full-time.

“The demand for RTs will definitely go up as the population ages,” says Andrea. “I love my job. It’s always different. I could be called in to a high risk baby delivery, I see children, emergency trauma, sedated patients, Intensive Care, and monitor breathing tubes and ventilators. I also teach people how to use puffers, and monitor oxygen levels in the blood by taking and analyzing blood gas samples.”

According to www.labourmarketinformation.ca, ten to 20 respiratory therapists work on PEI.

Education

Students can enter the RT program right after high school, but it is recommended to have a year of university first. The three-year program is available at Dalhousie and across the country. After completing the program, they write a National Certification Examination to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

For more information, visit www.csrt.com

