Career Outlook 2020: Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Environmental Studies (B.S.) **Indigenous Sustainability Studies (B.S.)**

**Minors:** Environmental Studies, Sustainability, Indigenous Sustainability Studies

**Fields of Emphasis:** Environmental Health and Toxicology, Ecosystem, Geohydrology

**Department Website:** https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/css/environmental-studies/

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports environmental scientists and specialists held about 85,000 jobs in 2018. 24% were employed in management, scientific and technical consulting services. About 36% of environmental scientists were employed in state and local governments; and 8% were employed in engineering services.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for environmental scientists and specialists is expected to grow 8% (faster than average) through 2028, with people in their career earning between $42,520 and $124,620 per year. The median annual wages of environmental scientists and specialists were $71,130 in 2018. Many hold graduate degrees.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Environmental Studies graduates. Of the 16 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Environmental Studies graduates, 85.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 6.3% continued their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

**PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation)**

- **Antwan Group**
  - Staff Professional
  - Redmond, WA
- **Arkema, Inc.**
  - Lab Technician
  - Blooming Prairie, MN
- **Becker County SWCD**
  - Conservation Technician
  - Detroit Lakes, MN
- **MN Department of Natural Resource**
  - Watercraft Inspector
  - Bemidji, MN
- **MN Department of Natural Resources**
  - Parks Worker
  - Ely, MN
- **Prairie Restorations, Inc.**
  - Assistant Project Manager
  - Lewiston, MN
- ** Ramsey County Environmental Health**
  - Operations Intern
  - Maplewood, MN
- **Red Lake Department of Natural Resources**
  - Groundwater Specialist
  - Red Lake, MN
- **SEH**
  - Land Surveyor
  - Lakewood, CO
- **Wilson Construction**
  - Environmental Specialist
  - Big Falls, MN

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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