

Professional Certification in Zoology and Conservation Science

There are several scientific societies that award “certifications” for individuals that meet certain educational and professional criteria in a given area of study. These certifications will help life science students gain experience, add to their resume and are sometimes required for certain job positions. There are many organizations that provide certifications, below is a list of only a selection of those that are available.

Certification Title	Sponsoring Society	
Wildlife Biologist	The Wildlife Society	http://www.wildlife.org/professional/certbook.pdf
Fisheries Professional	The American Fisheries Society	www.fisheries.org
Oklahoma Certified Naturalist	Oklahoma Master Naturalist Program	http://okmasternaturalist.home.mindspring.com/program.htm
GIS (Graphic Information Systems)	GIS Certification Institute	http://www.geog.okstate.edu/gis/gis.htm http://www.gisci.org/
Ecologist	The Ecological Society of America	http://www.esa.org/certification/
Wetland Biologist	The Society of Wetlands Scientists	http://www.wetlandcert.org
Applied Animal Behaviorists	The Animal Behavior Society	http://www.animalbehavior.org