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STUDENT LABOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Facilities Management

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Position Title: Landscape Gardener
Must work 15 hrs/wk.

1 Grade Level: 5

2a Description: The following are the essential duties for a Landscape Gardener in the Department:

- A. Assist in coordination of planting and maintenance of turf, trees, shrubs and flowers.
- B. Supervise and work with student labor in the growing and care of campus plant material.
- C. Assist in developing and implementing a schedule of cultural practices for campus plantings.
- D. Regular inspection of campus plantings for areas that require cultural attention and initiate necessary corrective action.
- E. Coordination of horticultural needs related to special events (i.e. graduation, labor day).
- F. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

2b Description: The following are *possible additional* duties for this position:

- A. Coordinate Campus Gardeners Department in the absence of Horticulturist and/or Asst. Horticulturist.
- B. Work with grounds and recycling as needed.
- C. Assist in general cleanup of campus areas.
- D. General labor related to Facilities Management. Dept.
- E. See that the workplace and environs are clean.

3 Learning Opportunities:

- A. Plant identification - flowers, trees, shrubs, and weeds.
- B. Equipment operation.
- C. Pesticide use.
- D. Power tools, hand tools - use and maintenance.
- E. Proper pruning techniques, chain-saw use and safety.
- F. Nursery trips (pick up plants).
- G. Horticulture conferences/workshops.
- H. Supervisory training.
- I. Membership in professionally affiliated organizations (i.e. Intl. Society Arboriculture).

J. Landscape Design.

4 Basic Qualifications:

A. General: Working knowledge of grounds maintenance and able coordination of associated tasks.

B. Skill: Proven proficiency in educational and applied gardening knowledge, leadership abilities, Driver's License, College's Defensive Driving and competent skill level in the operation of power equipment related to grounds maintenance.

C. Physical: Good physical condition.

D. Academic: Above average academic ability.

5 Desirable Qualifications:

A. Junior or Senior classification

B. Strong communication skills and ability to train others.

C. Strong working knowledge of plant materials.

D. Keen interest in grounds maintenance.

E. Completion of course work related to Horticulture, Botany, or Plant Science.

F. Pesticide applicator certification.

G. Mechanical ability.

6 Narrative Summary: This is a position in which student has shown proficiency in regard to most landscape maintenance skills and has displayed proven leadership ability. Student is expected to experience the operation in all aspects and is called upon to enter into decision making in respect to the planning, designing, implementation and maintenance of landscape for campus' buildings and grounds.