

Assistant Gardener- 7 Month Appointment Facilities Management-Landcare Department

Reports To: Landcare Maintenance Supervisor

Overview: The assistant gardener has the responsibility of assisting with the care of the grounds and gardens on the University of MN Twin Cities campus.

Responsibilities: These examples do not include all possible responsibilities in this work and do not limit the assignment of related responsibilities in any position of this classification.

- Plants annuals, perennials, shrubs or trees.
- Maintains annual and perennial and shrub beds. Including spreading mulch, pulling weeds, pruning, applying fertilizers to annuals and perennials and picking litter.
- Mows, aerates and edges turf areas. Prepares lawn areas for seeding or sodding and lays seed or sod.
- Performs irrigation system maintenance checks and repairs as needed. Assists with irrigation start up and blow outs.
- Prunes trees and shrubs and operates the chipper
- Installs and maintains storm water management gardens (BMP's).
- Operates ride and walk behind mowers, skid steers, edgers, weed whips, litter lifts, back pack blowers, shovels, rakes, pruners, saws, hand tools and other equipment associated with grounds maintenance.
- Cleans and organizes facilities associated with Landcare.
- Other tasks as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalent and one year of experience or 1 year of education in commercial gardening, grounds maintenance, or related field.
- Experience as a lead worker.
- A valid Driver's License.
- Ability to repetitively lift and carry 50 lbs.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Valid MDA non-commercial pesticide applicators license.
- Experience operating a skid steer with attachments and other equipment associated with grounds maintenance.

Preferred skills:

- Ability to communicate effectively with supervisory staff.
- Ability to lead student workers on specific tasks.

Additional Information: This is a 7 month 100% Teamster Unit 3, seasonal position. Typically beginning April 1st and ending on November 1st annually. This position includes the option to participate in the U of MN benefits package. Probationary period: 720 straight time hours.

If you have interest in applying or would like more information please call 612.625.7361 or email at landcare@umn.edu