
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title:	Horticulturist	Level I	Grade 31 \$31,300 - \$52,100
Job Code:	NC11	Level II	Grade 32 \$35,000 - \$58,400
FLSA status:	Exempt	Level III	Grade 33 \$39,300 - \$65,500

Job Summary

Directs employees and provides professional assistance, advice and services for turf and plant materials on University grounds.

Essential Functions

1. Plans and directs the installation and maintenance of landscaping on University grounds, including the planting, cultivating, propagating and care of turf, shrubs, trees and flowers
2. Reviews, completes, composes and processes paperwork and performs related administrative tasks to schedule work, provide information and ensure that appropriate documentation is maintained.
3. Communicates with others to keep them informed of work progress and answer questions.
4. Evaluates new varieties of plants for application on campus.

Supervisory Responsibility

May supervise employees but supervision is not the main focus of the job.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.

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Job Family Levels

Level	Responsibility	Knowledge	Education and Experience*
I	Under close supervision, performs varied duties and assignments involving some judgment. Resolves routine questions or problems, referring only complex issues to higher level. Some evaluation, originality and ingenuity required.	Knows and applies fundamental concepts, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization, with awareness of related fields.	Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
II	Under minimal supervision, performs complex assignments and fulfills broad responsibilities where required outcomes are defined, but methods and procedures may vary based on professional judgment or precedent. Considerable latitude for unreviewed action. Confers with supervisor on unusual matters. Coordinates the work of others on projects and may assign work to and assist less experienced professionals or support staff. May act in an advisory capacity to managers or faculty.	Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of a particular field of specialization to the completion of difficult assignments. Also possesses knowledge of related fields and areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.	Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
III	Under general guidance, plans, conducts and leads complex assignments and areas of functional responsibility. Acting with substantial latitude for unreviewed action, applies broad subject matter expertise to solution of significant issues or development of new programs, services, processes or other initiatives to meet the University's goals in a specific area. Recommends changes in procedures or policies, and leads change initiatives to completion, often persuading or coordinating work of others outside own department.	Possesses and applies comprehensive knowledge of a particular field of specialization to the completion of complex assignments. Also possesses strong knowledge of related fields, processes, policies or areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.	Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

* See the "Minimum Required Education and Experience" section of the job description for any substitutions that may be allowed for education and experience.

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Minimum Required Education and Experience

- Level I** Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
- Level II** Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
- Level III** Masters degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

Focus of Education

Degree in Ornamental Horticulture, Plant Science, or related field

Focus of Experience

Experience in landscaping and grounds maintenance

Substitutions allowed for Education:

Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

Substitutions allowed for Experience:

When a candidate has the required education, but lacks the required experience, they may normally apply additional appropriate education toward the experience requirement, at a rate of one (1) year relevant education per year of required experience.

Minimum Required Knowledge

Certification or Licensure Requirements:

Landscape Design License and/or Landscape Plants License (must be obtained within 6 months of hire date). State of Alabama Pesticide Applicator's License (must be obtained within 3 months of hire date).

Physical Requirements/ADA

Occasional and/or light lifting required. Limited exposure to elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., but none to the point of being disagreeable. May involve minor safety hazards where likely result would be cuts, bruises, etc.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires walking, sitting, reaching, talking, hearing, .

Job occasionally requires standing, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, handling objects with hands, and lifting up to 50 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

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