
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: **Spec I, Arbor**

Job Family: No Family

Job Code: **ND28**

Grade 29: \$25,000 - \$41,700

FLSA status: Non-Exempt

Job Summary

Under direct supervision, assists with tree care including planting, pruning, removal, or maintenance of trees on Auburn University property with a focus on main campus. Utilizes basic arboriculture techniques in order to maintain University grounds as a safe and aesthetic atmosphere for students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

Essential Functions

1. Assists in executing aerial functions related to tree maintenance including lifting, thinning, deadwood cleaning, and vista pruning with the use of a bucket truck, manlift, or standardized climbing methods using rope and saddle during all months of the year.
2. Assists with performing ground functions such as pruning, trimming, roping, rigging, whole tree felling, chipping, and loading in an open area. Installs and stakes large field-grown trees with guidance.
3. Assists in carrying out soil care operations to include watering, fertilizing, spraying, root collar excavations, and other root enhancement operations. As directed by supervisor treats and pre-treats trees with fertilizers and pesticides to promote vigor and resistance to disease outbreaks.
4. Assists with using and maintaining arboriculture related equipment and inventory including, but not limited to, skidsteers, bucket trucks, wood chippers, stump grinders, backhoes, and chainsaws.
5. Follows training and safety requirements from AU Facilities Management with guidance from supervisors.
6. May work outside of normal operating hours to assist in emergencies, inclement weather, and storm clean up as needed.
7. May perform other related landscape duties as assigned.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

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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Minimum Required Education and Experience

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Focus of Education/Experience</u>
Education	High School	High school diploma or equivalent
Experience (yrs.)	2	Experience in arboriculture related practices.

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

Working knowledge of proper tree pruning and removal.
Basic pruning skills based on arboriculture industry standards.
Ability to safely operate chainsaws, pole saws, hydraulic saws, wood chippers, and other machinery.
Ability to adapt to technology advancements.
Ability to advance and progress in the field of tree care.

Certification or Licensure Requirements

Valid Driver's License

Physical Requirements/ADA

Frequent heavy or intense physical requirements, combined with exposure to a number of disagreeable elements, such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals. Injury may require professional treatment or hospitalization. Constant precautions required.

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 standing, walking, sitting, reaching, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands, and lifting up to 50 pounds.

Job occasionally requires .

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

Date: 5/5/2021
