

HIGHER EDUCATION PERSONNEL BOARD

Specification for Class

Class Code: 5121

GARDENER II

Abolished Effective February 10, 2006

BASIC FUNCTION

Perform skilled work in the maintenance of institution grounds, landscapes, athletic fields and/or nursery or greenhouse.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Under general supervision, perform skilled tasks requiring knowledge of cultivation, and maintenance of trees, lawns, and ornamental plants, such as soil testing, pruning, transplanting plant material, and applying chemicals.

TYPICAL WORK

Prepare soil for planting; plant seed, sod, turf, bulbs, plants, trees, and shrubs;

Clean, service and maintain tools and equipment, including power equipment;

Seed, mow, irrigate, sweep, fertilize, top dress, edge, aerate and maintain lawns;

Install, repair and operate lawn sprinkler systems;

Transplant seedlings, trees and shrubs and other nursery stock;

Rake and remove leaves; pull, hoe, and control weeds;

Prune, spray and fertilize trees, shrubs and ground covers;

Remove debris, leaves, brush, snow, and ice from areas such as walks, stairs, roads, ramps and parking facilities; apply ice melter, sand and gravel;

Install and maintain campus signs, fences, rockeries, etc.;

Read and interpret blueprints for projects;

Use a variety of manual tools and equipment, such as rakes, pruning shears, hand edgers, loppers, shovels, wheelbarrows and pesticide sprayers;

Operate power and motorized equipment such as weed trimmers, chain saws, backpack blowers, rototillers, light tractors, front-end loaders, small trucks, lawn mowers, sweepers, aerators, sod cutters and snow blowers;

Direct the work of others;

Apply pesticides and herbicides to greenery and plant material;

May mow, maintain and stripe athletic fields;

Perform duties of Gardener I;

Perform related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Physical ability to do required work AND one year of experience or training involving grounds maintenance, plant care, cultivation and landscape installation

OR

equivalent education/experience.

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Revise Exam. Requirements: 2-13-75

Revise Class: 8-4-89

Revise Minimum Qualifications: 2-2-90