Groundskeeper Specialist – Turf - Polytechnic campus
Arizona State University
FDM FM Polytechnic
Campus: Polytechnic
59380BR

Job Description:
Facilities Development and Management, Polytechnic campus, seeks a Groundskeeper Specialist (Turf Maintenance) for maintenance of public turf areas. This position supports Groundskeepers in the maintenance of campus grounds to provide for a visually inviting, safe and aesthetic environment for students, faculty, visitors and staff.

Salary Range:
To be determined

Close Date:
26-February-2020

Essential Duties:
Daily maintenance of high-use, public turf areas to include seasonal overseeding, soil maintenance, watering, fertilizing, levelling, and other turf maintenance tasks. Ensure customer service goals are met associated with high-profile events on lawn areas. Implement plans for maintaining grounds including recommendations for new plants, irrigation systems, replanting and reorganizing existing lawn areas, shrubbery, shade and ornamental trees, and flower beds. Assist with daily activities of turf care crew. Apply grounds management techniques, implement and maintain a sound safety program following appropriate safety standards and procedures.

DAYS AND SCHEDULE: Monday- Friday; 5:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (hours may vary seasonally)

Minimum Qualifications:
Two (2) years of grounds maintenance experience, OR, Associate Degree in Horticulture or related field e.g. Golf Course Management, Sports Turf Management, Landscape Construction; OR, Any equivalent combination of education and/or experience from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved; AND possess and maintain One (1) Grounds certification or equivalent e.g. Arizona Pest Application License, Certified Arborist from International Society of Arboriculture, Certified Grounds Technician from PGMS, Passed Desert Landscaper School from the Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden. Employee may be required to possess a valid US Driver’s license of the appropriate class and required endorsements throughout employment.
Desired Qualifications:
- Experience in general turf care.
- Experience in mowing and overseeding practices.
- Experience in operating turf maintenance equipment and riding mowers.
- Experience in underground sprinkler repair and/or installation.
- Experience in grounds maintenance in a university/higher education setting.
- Demonstrated knowledge of principles of horticulture.
- Demonstrated knowledge of principles, practices and/or techniques of grounds maintenance.
- Evidence of effective verbal and written communication skills

Working Environment:
Activities regularly require long periods of exposure to external elements indigenous to a desert environment, weather, and potential exposure to venomous insects, insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Regularly required to operate a variety of landscaping equipment, tools and machines requiring extended periods of walking over uneven and occasionally rocky surfaces, stooping, bending, reaching, lifting and pushing objects of varying weights up to 50 pounds. Ability to clearly communicate to perform essential functions. Regular use of hand and power tools/machines. May regularly operate a motor vehicle as assigned. This position receives regular review of daily work tasks to ensure adherence with established standards for quality, aesthetics, and quantity. Stand for long periods of time. Walk and inspect campus.

May be exposed to hazardous and dangerous materials, tools, and equipment which will require safety precautions and/or specific process to be followed, and may include the use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) (e.g. safety glasses, hearing protection, negative pressure and positive pressure respirator). Use of PPE may require medical clearance prior to use.

Department Statement:
ASU Facilities Development and Management (FDM) maintains and services all university-owned property, and develops and constructs innovative and sustainable facilities. FDM’s vision is to contribute to and guarantee the success of the university’s mission by creating and caring for the ASU campus and environment. We provide quality customer service, effectively steward our resources, and meet the needs of the university through creative and collaborative efforts.

ASU offers a comprehensive benefits package at very competitive rates to enhance the total compensation of its faculty and staff. This package includes low-cost health and life benefits to insure you and your family, a wellness program for preventative health education and screenings, a disability and leaves program for income protection, employee assistance for free and confidential behavioral health services, reduced tuition for you and your dependents, disability resources for Americans with Disabilities (ADA), a retirement program with a variety
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Facilities Development and Management at ASU employment requires current eligibility to legally work in the United States.  Facilities Development and Management will not be a sponsor for this position.

This position is located at the Polytechnic campus, 7010 South Sagewood, Mesa, AZ.

This position is dependent on the continuation of funding from a specific source other than state appropriations.  As such, this appointment may terminate when the funding is no longer available.

Must possess a valid Arizona driver's license (minimum of Class D) upon employment and maintain throughout employment.  Post-offer of employment, selected candidate must possess an acceptable driving record which is 5 or fewer points in the most recent 39 month period from date of hire.

Must pass pre-employment audiogram exam post offer of employment.

**ASU Statement:**
Arizona State University is a new model for American higher education, an unprecedented combination of academic excellence, entrepreneurial energy and broad access. This New American University is a single, unified institution comprising four differentiated campuses positively impacting the economic, social, cultural and environmental health of the communities it serves. Its research is inspired by real world application blurring the boundaries that traditionally separate academic disciplines. ASU serves more than 90,000 students in metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona, the nation's fifth largest city. ASU champions intellectual and cultural diversity, and welcomes students from all fifty states and more than one hundred nations across the globe.

ASU is a tobacco-free university. For details visit www.asu.edu/tobaccofree

AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service alumni are encouraged to apply.
Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.

ASU conducts pre-employment screening which may include verification of work history, academic credentials, licenses, and certifications.

**Background Check Statement:**
ASU conducts pre-employment screening for all positions which includes a criminal background check, verification of work history, academic credentials, licenses, and certifications. Employment is contingent upon successful passing of the background check.

**Instructions to Apply:**
Application deadline is 3:00PM Arizona time on the date indicated.

Please include all employment information in month/year format (e.g., 6/88 to 8/94), job title, job duties and name of employer for each position.

Resume should clearly illustrate how prior knowledge and experience meets the Minimum and Desired qualifications of this position.

Work reference history information for 3 current and/or former supervisors will be requested at time of interview.

Only electronic applications are accepted for this position.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** What is the meaning of “equivalent combination” in the minimum qualifications? It means one year of higher education or 24 credit hours, is equal to one year of experience. For example, a four year Bachelor’s degree is equal to four years of experience.

To apply please go to www.asu.edu/asujobs/ see Req Id#59380BR or go directly to: https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=25620&siteid=5494&jobid=3997014#jobDetails=3997014_5494