

Horticulture and Grounds Management Internship

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains

The Horticulture and Grounds Management Internship at Dyck Arboretum is designed to teach participants about the flora and fauna of our region, as well as equip them with the necessary skills for stewardship and land management. The work is diverse, and may include greenhouse propagation, equipment maintenance, trimming, weeding, planting and more. Interns are asked to immerse themselves in the working life of a small non-profit, working closely with staff to keep the grounds aesthetically pleasing as well as assist at Arboretum events. We will offer an educational and enriching experience to help students on their path to a successful career, and in return we expect quality work and commitment to our goals.

Purpose:

- To educate the next generation of land stewards, grounds keepers and green industry professionals with our unique, sustainable and conservation-driven practices.

Goals:

- Adhere to a set curriculum so that upon departure, the student feels empowered and skilled in respect to their chosen field.
- Foster a sense of appreciation for the Kansas landscape through education about native plants and animals.
- Teach hands-on horticulture not available in academic settings
- Provide a memorable experience, a positive workplace, and a diverse set of skills that will be useful in a wide range of future careers.

Students looking for careers in these areas may find this internship helpful:

- Landscape Architecture, Landscape Design
- Environmental Stewardship/Sciences
- Ecology, Biology, Natural Sciences
- Conservation
- National/State Parks department
- Forestry or Extension service
- Public Garden or Public Green Space management
- Turf/golf course management

Time Commitment and Compensation:

This internship runs June 1-August 1. The time period may be adjusted to reflect pre-planned vacation time or travel arrangements. Interns will be expected to work 8 hours per day 4 days per week, and will be given a stipend of \$2,880. Participants will also receive free admission to all Arboretum events during their internship period, including classes, lectures, trips and concerts. Interns will be employees of Hesston College, and as such will be subject to HC policies as well as a background check.

4 days per week x 10 weeks = 320 hours total over the course of the internship