

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

DESCRIPTION: Under general supervision, performs professional level work in the formulation of original design, planning and construction of extensive and varied landscaping projects such as roadside improvement, erosion control, or outdoor recreation park and land management projects; performs related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.) Incumbents in this class perform journey level landscape architect work which includes, but is not limited to, landscape design, topography study and recommendations, erosion control plans, cost estimates, monitoring construction, coordinating resources, and conferring with clients and/or professional architects and engineers. Position may lead, monitor, or supervise others including ground keeping, maintenance or construction staff.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Researches, plans and designs projects involving site selection, building location, service areas, erosion control, vegetation management, roadside development projects, walkways, contour grading and park and recreation areas.

Monitors the construction of safety rest areas and recreation areas.

Coordinates and promotes the development of roadside parks, recreation areas and safety rest areas with local civic groups and agencies.

Serves as a consultant to agency sub-divisions and other agencies on matters pertaining to erosion control and roadside and park development.

Investigates field areas for recreational potential and desirability of acquisition.

Consults with maintenance personnel on erosion control, turf management, shrub and tree maintenance.

Keeps abreast of current technology in landscape architecture through literature review and technical committee participation.

Monitors the construction of safety rest areas and recreation areas.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These may be acquired on the job and are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: Agency policies and procedures.

Ability to: Communicate, plan, and organize work.

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ENTRY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these through written, oral, performance, and/or other evaluations.)

Knowledge of: theories, principles and practices of landscape architecture including but not limited to topography, landscape design, grading, drainage, and horticulture.

Ability to: maintain cooperative relationships; communicate verbally and in writing.

JOB PREPARATION GUIDELINES: (Entry knowledge, skills and/or abilities may be acquired through, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, the following coursework/training and/or experience.)

Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture, or the required education for registration as a professional landscape architect in Nebraska, and four years of practice in landscape architecture or architecture.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: (These requirements must be met by all employees prior to attaining permanent status in this class.)

Positions in this classification are subject to Title 231, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 1 – 12. Chapter 1, section 002.04 : The term "Landscape Architect" is synonymous with "Registered Professional Landscape Architect", "Registered Landscape Architect" or "Professional Landscape Architect" and shall mean a person who is licensed by the Board on the basis of education, practical experience, and/or examination. This person is qualified and approved by the Board to use the title and practice landscape architecture in this state in compliance with Sections 81-8,184 through 81-8,208 of Nebraska Revised Statutes.