Do You Like …

... working with your hands?
... organization and detail?
... being outdoors?
... teamwork?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Landscaping career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a landscaper, including:

» Planting and maintaining ornamental plants, trees, and shrubs.
» Maintaining grounds of property using hand or power tools and equipment.
» Operating vehicles and powered equipment including mowers, tractors, and twin-axle vehicles.
» Determining the most effective pesticides to use based on soil and pest types.
» Properly diagnosing diseases in plants and treating those accordingly.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Attention to detail
» Cooperation
» Safety awareness
» Initiative

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a landscaper, including having:

» Basic math and reading skills
» A high school diploma or the equivalent
» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Renewable Resources and Energy training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), and the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Landscaping graduates go to work as groundskeepers, outdoor maintenance workers, or gardeners. Landscapers can focus on exterior or ornamental landscaping or specifically on lawn care. Landscaping is very physical work, and the hours change based on the season. Although many landscapers work full time, some work part time.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most landscapers is $24,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.