

THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN

Work Experience Internship Description

POSITION

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CLASSIFICATION

Spring/Summer/Fall semester, unpaid work experience, internship

RECOMMENDED COMPLETED COURSES

(Cuyamaca and Southwestern College)

OH 120 Fundamentals of OH (CC)

OH 121 Plant Propagation (CC)

OH 170 Plant Materials: Trees and Shrubs (CC)

OH 180 Annuals and Perennials (CC)

LNT 100 Plant and Horticultural Sciences (SC)

LNT 102-119 Plant Identification (SC)

LNT 143 Floriculture/Nursery Operations (SC)

LNT 146 Plant Propagation (SC)

SUMMARY

The Work Experience (WEX) Interns will work as a team to complete the construction and planting of the Fall 2015 WEX project. Each student will be assigned tasks to accomplish each week at the Water Conservation Garden (WCG) that contribute to the project. The duration of the internship is 14 weeks or until the hours-per-unit time requirement is met and the WEX intern will be expected to provide support for activities at the WCG that are in addition to the position's main goals as necessary to meet the program time requirement. Additional work will be determined by the Horticulture Director, Clayton Tschudy, and Garden Horticulturist, Steven Zampanti. WEX interns are expected to work independently and also as a team. *All work experience interns must commit to a minimum of 2 units per semester, equaling 120 or more unpaid hours.*

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep a daily journal, and submit a weekly report via email to the Work Experience Coordinator.
- Adhere to an agreed upon work schedule. The intern is allowed 3 *excused* absences per semester and any hours missed will be rescheduled for another day. If the Intern has 2 *unexcused* absences their internship will be terminated and they will be unable to continue their work experience at the WCG that semester.
- Daily monitoring of plant production area; this includes watering, weeding, and pest identification
- Work with other WEX interns to complete the semester internship project
- Return all tools to appropriate storage locations, clean and sanitized
- Maintain a clean and organized work area.
- Computers may not be available at WCG site, and time must be allocated each day to use a computer lab or personal computer/laptop to update logs and reports

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work performed mostly in a field environment. Extensive physical activity sometimes required, including the ability to climb ladders, handling of average-weight objects up to 40 pounds, work in cramped and/or damp areas, and standing and/or walking for more than (6) hours per day. Manual dexterity is needed to use tools. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Private means of transportation must be available along with a valid driver's license. Limited exposure to physical risk. Workplace is non-smoking and drug-free. Weekend work may be required.

ABOUT THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN

The Water Conservation Garden, a non-profit organization founded in 199, is a nearly 6-acre public botanical garden whose mission is to promote water conservation in the southern California landscape through excellent programs and exhibits that educate and inspire the public. The Garden serves over 50,000 annually and offers educational tools via display gardens and a full program of tours, classes, and events for children, adults and landscape professionals, both on and off-site. In 2007, The Garden won the Rain Bird Corporation's international award for leadership in water conservation. In 2009, Sunset Magazine listed The Garden as one of the "Top Ten Western Gardens."