



CAREER PATH

Natural Resources Agriculture

CAREER CLUSTER

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

CAREER PATHWAY

Plant Systems



LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDSKEEPING WORKERS

Landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking, sprinkler installation, and installation of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a landscaper and groundskeeping worker are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	77.5%	16.7%	5.8%
Grounds maintenance workers	77.5%	16.7%	5.8%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	71.1%	21.8%	7.1%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$8.77	\$10.69	\$13.48
	Yearly	\$18,200	\$22,200	\$28,000
Missouri	Hourly	\$8.82	\$10.90	\$14.47
	Yearly	\$18,300	\$22,700	\$30,100

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Landscaping & Groundskeeping Worker	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	1,220,100	1,441,300	+ 18 %	38,230
Missouri	19,180	21,260	+ 11 %	630

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive.

For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Linn State Technical College

Linn, MO
(573) 897-5196
www.linnstate.edu

Metropolitan Community College - Longview

Lee's Summit, MO
(816) 672-2000
www.mcckc.edu

Ozarks Technical Community College

Springfield, MO
(417) 447-7500
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