

### **Skilled Groundskeeper**

Responsible for planning and assisting with the scheduling of special projects. Also responsible for scheduling routine road repair, water feature maintenance and maintenance of historical landscape features. Performs skilled and highly skilled work in the fields of arboriculture, agronomy, soil science, horticulture and heavy equipment operation and has acquired a sufficient combination of education, training and experience ordinarily required of a journeyman. May oversee the work of one or more employees. **Responsibilities:** Install new landscape plantings. Tree installations. Assists in direction of special projects. Road repair. Permanent sign installation. Water feature maintenance and cleaning. Assists in directing tree removal and pruning projects. Specialty maintenance of historical landscapes. Maintain and repair an array of irrigation systems. Heavy equipment operation. Snow and ice removal by hand and with motorized equipment. Leaf and litter removal. Horticultural pruning and thinning during the growing season. Assist in the training of landscape staff. Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Keep abreast of newly developed landscape techniques including agronomy, crop and soil science, and equipment maintenance by attending conferences and workshops paid for by Cranbrook. Maintain records and prepare reports. Must be aware of proper procedures to use when encountering suspected asbestos containing material to avoid personal exposure, contamination of job site, and exposure of facility occupants to asbestos. Other duties as assigned. **Requirements:** Bachelors or Associates degree in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Agronomy, Soil Science or related fields is preferred. Two years of field experience. Certification by the Michigan Department of Agriculture as a pesticide applicator in one or more categories or obtain one within three to six months. Valid Michigan driver's license with a satisfactory driving record and a CDL "Class B" endorsement or obtain one within three to six months. Ability to read and understand landscape plans for use in planting and maintenance. Expert proficiency in operation of all types of landscape equipment. Ability to keep abreast of newly developed landscape techniques including agronomy, crop and soil science, and equipment maintenance by attending conferences and workshops. OR High school diploma or GED. Six years experience with two years supervisory or foreman experience. Certification by the Michigan Department of Agriculture as a pesticide applicator in two or more categories or obtain one within three to six months. Valid Michigan driver's license with a satisfactory driving record and a CDL "Class B" endorsement or obtain one within three to six months. Master gardener or nurseryman certification by the State of Michigan. Ability to read and understand landscape plans for use in planting and maintenance. Expert proficiency in operation of all types of landscape equipment. Ability to keep abreast of newly developed landscape techniques including agronomy, crop and soil science, and equipment maintenance by attending conferences and workshops. **This is a full-time position. Hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am – 4:00pm**