

Written Assignment – Employment area, requirements, & opportunities

Due Date – Dec 6

Introduction

The ultimate goal of this assignment is to create a **1-3 page summary of employment opportunities and requirements in a specific area of horticulture**. You will **also develop a resume** tailored toward that specific horticulture area. For example, you may have an interest in working for one of the area theme parks (Disney, Universal, etc.) as a horticulture or landscape technician. You will research and create a report on the requirements and opportunities present in this area. Employment areas that you may choose are not limited to this specific geographic area (feel free to look for employment opportunities and requirements in other states or countries).

The Work

The paper should be formatted as follows:

- Your name and employment area of interest at the top of the first page
- Below is a list of the topic areas for the report and the information you should include for each.
 - **Requirements:** List the specific requirements for the employment area that you are interested in. For example, does the position require a college degree or any types of professional certifications? Provide information on any other skills required (i.e. managerial).
 - **Opportunities:** Are there any current openings in your area of interest? If so, list the specific companies that you have discovered. Also provide the methods utilized during this job search.
 - **Salary range:** Provide the beginning salary or hourly wage as well as potential future income.
 - **Job responsibilities:** What will this position require on a daily basis? Also, does the position involve continual training and course work?
 - **Contacts:** Provide a list of the companies and individuals that have been contacted in your job search.
 - **Resume:** this will not be included in the point total, however, an acceptable resume is required in order to complete this assignment.

***This report will be worth 25 points toward your grade.**

Assignment Rubric

Topic Areas	Outstanding (5 points)	Meets Standards (3-4 points)	Needs Improvement (0-2 points)	Possible Points (Max 25 pts)
Requirements	Specific skills and training listed and discussed in great detail.	Specific skills and training listed and discussed adequately.	Specific skills and training not listed and discussed adequately.	5
Opportunities	Opportunities and job search methods discussed in great detail.	Opportunities and job search methods adequately discussed.	Opportunities and job search methods not discussed adequately.	5
Salary Range	Both beginning wage/salary and earning potential discussed in great detail.	Both beginning wage/salary and earning potential adequately discussed.	Only one of either beginning wage/salary or earning potential adequately discussed.	5
Job Responsibilities	Job duties, on-going training, and skill development discussed in great detail.	Job duties, on-going training, and skill development adequately discussed.	Job duties, on-going training, and skill development not adequately discussed.	5
Contacts	More than 2 companies and contacts listed and discussed.	1-2 companies and contacts listed and discussed.	No companies or entities were actually contacted.	5