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Landscape Services Equipment Operator II

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CLASSIFICATION: Landscape Services Equipment Operator II

Basic Function
Operate and maintain equipment used in complex landscape construction projects on campus.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities
- Inspect and perform routine maintenance such as greasing and operates equipment such as tractors, backhoes, sweepers, front-end loaders, tree transplanters, articulated crane, soil screener, hydro seeder and earth moving equipment such as bulldozers.
- Attach and detach implements and special equipment to front-end loaders, tractors and other heavy equipment.
- Perform difficult grading, digging, back filling, hauling, mowing, hoisting and loading operations with power driven equipment.
- Operate trucks including truck/trailer combinations for transporting heavy equipment, implements, materials and supplies.
- Participate in snow removal plan by plowing, shoveling, sanding, salting and operating snow removal equipment including salt trucks and front-end loaders.
- Maintain routine records such as vehicle pre-trip and post-trip inspection reports.
- Assist in ordering, delivering, issuing and maintaining records of supplies, materials, tools and equipment.
- Perform manual labor to include shoveling and raking.
- Lead, train, and oversee support staff in safe and efficient work methods and processes.

Related Duties
Perform related duties as assigned including but not necessarily related to:
- All duties and responsibilities of the Landscape Equipment Operator I classification.
- Dig, transport and transplant trees and shrubs using appropriate equipment.
- Work with and assist other Landscape Services Department crews when necessary.
- Participate in football tailgate clean up.

Supervision Received
Supervision is received from a designated supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications
- Three years of experience as a Landscape Equipment Operator I or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience.
- Expert knowledge of equipment, tools, methods and techniques used in the operation and maintenance of landscape and hard surface maintenance equipment.
- Possession or attainment of a MSU Forklift Operators permit prior to completion of applicable probation or trial period.
- Possession of a valid Michigan Class A Commercial Driver's License with applicable endorsements and medical certificate to comply with State of Michigan requirements. Applicants must have a good driving record and submit their operator's license number on their application form for a motor vehicle check.
- Possession of a valid Michigan Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification in categories Turf (3A), Ornamental (3B), and Right of Way (6).
- Professional Landscape Network (PLANET) Landscape Industry Certified Technician – Exterior Certification or approved equivalent.
- Must drive University vehicle to perform job duties of this classification.
- The ability to work in variable or severe weather conditions.
- Participation in Campus Snow Removal Plan.
- This position requires significant after-hours, weekends and holiday work.
- Frequent lifting of over 75 pounds.

Additional Qualifications
May require valid operator, chauffeur, or commercial driver's license(s) with applicable endorsements.

This position requires knowledge of basic personal computer terminology and operations, and the ability to use e-mail and the Internet.
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