Guilford County Cooperative Extension

Extension Agent, Ag - Horticulture

The agent in this position will have educational responsibilities for commercial and consumer ornamentals horticultural production. The successful candidate must be able to conduct educational programs that focus on the profitability and sustainability of North Carolina Green Industry professionals, utilizing best practices based on research to include the adoption of proven technology, business, and financial practices. The agent in this position will provide leadership for the development and implementation of the urban horticulture program in Guilford County, including a large Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program. The agent will proactively conduct needs assessments and program evaluations to provide future direction for the program.

One of the following educational requirements: – A Bachelor’s degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 overall or a 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) in an agricultural or related field, – A Bachelor’s degree and the completion of at least one-half of coursework in a Master’s degree curriculum with a cumulative grade point average 3.0 or higher with at least one of the degrees in an agricultural or related field, or – Completion of a Master’s degree with at least one of the degrees in an agricultural or related field. Also required: a personal automobile; computer literacy; strong oral and written communication skills; the ability to plan, implement, market, and evaluate educational programs; willingness to work as a team member and support a total Extension program; and the ability to handle multiple demands and set priorities.

• Required License or Certification: Valid driver’s license
• Departmental Required Skills: A bachelor’s degree in horticulture or plant sciences or a related area is required. Travel within the district is required. Occasional travel outside the district required.
• Preferred Experience, Skills, Training/Education A Master’s degree is preferred. Desired skills and abilities include the ability to manage volunteers, willingness to work as part of a team, strong written and verbal communication skills, and good computer skills.

FOR COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION AND TO APPLY:

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Final candidates are subject to criminal & sex offender background checks. Some vacancies also require credit or motor vehicle checks. If highest degree is from an institution outside of the U.S., final candidates are required to have their degree verified at www.wes.org. Degree must be obtained prior to start date.