



Job Training Position Greencorps Chicago Crew Member

Greencorps Chicago is a job training program of the City of Chicago Department of Transportation in partnership with WRD Environmental. Crew Members will receive hands-on landscape and ecological training in the field along with classroom instruction. Greencorps Chicago projects may include community gardens, school gardens, natural areas, public landscapes, or other environmental projects. The Crew Member works cooperatively as a member of a three to six person crew led by a Crew Supervisor. The Crew Member position is a training position that starts in March and lasts for seven to nine months. Training will be approximately 30-35 hours per week, typically four days per week, Tuesday through Friday, with occasional Saturdays.

Key Responsibilities:

- Participate in all classroom and field training
- Maintain natural areas such as forests, wetlands, and prairies by removing non-native species, dragging brush, applying chemicals, etc.
- Operate chainsaw, chipper, and other equipment during restoration work
- Prepare sites for landscape installation
- Plant trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, and vegetables
- Construct hardscapes such as raised beds, benches, arbors, and compost bins
- Maintain mature landscape projects through weeding, edging, and mulching
- Show continual progress throughout the program through the Greencorps Chicago Evaluation Program
- Successfully pass required assessments and demonstrations to gain credentials
- Must work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Possess a commitment to personal achievement and overcoming employment barriers
- Cooperates as a team member of a crew
- Commitment to completing the entire training program
- Complete a total 12 volunteers hours during the program year
- Other duties as assigned

Eligibility Criteria:

- At least 18 years of age
- City of Chicago resident
- Pass initial and random drug screenings
- Able to meet physical requirements of the work
- Able to work Tuesday – Friday, 7am – 4pm, occasional Saturdays

The ideal candidate must have an interest in advancing their career goals, interested in physical work on a daily basis, and a willingness to work outdoors in all weather. The ideal candidate would have an interest in learning about horticulture, landscape, restoration, and the environment; a positive attitude and an ability to learn by listening, observation, instruction, and correction. The ideal candidate would also have an ability to work well with supervisors and crew members and a willingness to work effectively with people of various ethnic, economic, and educational backgrounds.

Possible Licenses and Certifications (course offering varies each year and contingent upon passing required tests):

OSHA 10hr General Safety Standards, IL Pesticide License, Midwest Prescription Burn, First Aid & CPR, Defensive Driving, 40-hr HAZWOPER, etc.