



Crew Member Position Greencorps Chicago

Greencorps Chicago provides employment opportunities with on-the-job training as part 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 an employment position with on-the-job training that starts in late 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
- Must work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Cooperates as a team member of a crew
- Show continual progress throughout employment
- Successfully pass required assessments and demonstrations to gain credentials
- Possess a commitment to personal achievement and overcoming employment barriers
- Commitment to completing the entire season of employment
- Complete volunteer hours
- 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, an interest 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, ecological 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, HAZWOPER