

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Landscape Designers are responsible for creating, presenting, and overseeing the development of landscapes for individuals, companies, and municipalities. They also provide maintenance services.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Create garden designs on paper and in the field using perennials, annual color, edibles, containers, and outdoor furniture
- Analyze natural and manmade elements of the area including soil, slope, drainage and natural vegetation, lighting and other construction projects
- Design diagrams, conceptual landscape presentations, and preliminary presentation graphics
- Utilize geospatial technology to analyze landscaping plans
- Use software to design, sketch, and provide drawings of proposed projects
- Manage installation crews
- Meet with clients and manage client accounts
- Consult with clients on creation and presentation of outdoor space concepts and needs
- Negotiate and coordinate contracts with clientele and vendors
- Handle scheduling, estimates, budgets, and planning to complete projects



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

An Associates or Bachelor's degree in landscape design or architecture, horticulture, turf grass, plant science, biology or related field

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, biology, botany, earth science, geography, mathematics, art, business courses

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Greenhouses, nurseries, government agencies, golf courses, athletic venues or universities; may also be self-employed

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK

Good Excellent

SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Soil Science Society of America
- American Nursery and Landscape Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$45,000

Poor