GROUNDSKEEPER II / IRRIGATION SPECIALIST
GROUNDS DEPARTMENT
FULL-TIME, 12 MONTHS
HIRING RANGE:$15.39 TO $16.30 PER HOUR

FUNCTION:
Reporting to the Grounds Manager; provides for the general maintenance and care of university property and grounds while complying with all university policy and laws regarding workplace safety.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED DUTIES:
1. Maintenance, repair, and management of all manual and automatic irrigation systems, time clocks, remote equipment and hardware.
2. Knowledge and understanding of Rain Birds IQ operating System, preferred.
3. Proficient at Microsoft Excel
4. Manager campus drywells and coordinate registration with Department of Ecology
5. Application of pesticides and fertilizers on college campus owned properties.
6. Remove debris, snow, and ice from walks, roads, streets, and parking areas.
7. Plant, prune, mow, aerate, fertilize and water trees, shrubs, flower beds, turf; collect, haul and dispose of refuse in compliance with recycling program.
8. Use a variety of hand implements and tools.
9. Operate vehicles and power equipment such as a pickup truck, snow plow, tractor, mower, compressor, power trimmer and sweeper.
10. Perform other duties as assigned including assisting other grounds and trades staff.
10. Perform locating duties for irrigation lines and heads.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:
- High school diploma or GED required.
- Three years’ experience in irrigation maintenance and repair
- Current pesticide applicator’s license based on State requirements
- One year experience in the following: spraying, planting, pruning, snow removal and other responsibilities of the position.
- Demonstrated ability to safely operate power equipment such as a pick up truck, compressor, snow removal equipment, tractor, mower, sprayer, power trimmer and sweeper, and a variety of hand implements and tools. Physical ability to perform all of the duties of this position, including strenuous work outdoors in all kinds of weather.
- Availability for callback and emergency duties, including but not limited to snow removal.
- Willingness and demonstrated ability to communicate and work with faculty, staff and students.
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith.
- Demonstrated awareness and commitment to effectively establishing relationships and positive communications across multiple dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to race, gender, physical limitations, class or religious perspectives.
- An active commitment to equal opportunity for all persons.
- A commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth as a Christian liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church.
- A valid driver’s license, background check and post-offer physical required
- Compliance with Whitworth’s campus vehicle policy. This policy is available at www.whitworth.edu/Administration/FacilitiesServices/CampusVehiclePolicy.htm.
PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
- Push and pull lawn mower – up to 70 lbs.
- Lift and carry backpack sprayers – up to 45 lbs.
- Lift and carry trash and recycle bags – up to 50 lbs.
- Lift various equipment, buckets, rocks, etc. – up to 50 lbs.
- Riding equipment – up to 2 hours at a time

APPLICATION PROCESS:
The following documents are required to complete the online application form:
1) A letter of interest that relates your education and experience to the qualifications of the position and includes a note confirming your interest in this position at our posted hiring range.
2) Résumé
3) The names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three academic/professional references.
4) A one-page document describing your personal commitment to the Christian faith.

Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With our commitment to building a diverse community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.