

Founded in 1927, Austin Peay State University is a comprehensive, state-assisted university with an enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. APSU was named in honor of the late Tennessee Governor Austin Peay, who served from 1923–1927.

With a main campus in Clarksville, Tenn. and a satellite campus on post at Fort Campbell, Ky., APSU is one of 47 universities, community colleges and technology centers in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the sixth largest system of higher education in the nation. The University offers a full range of academic programs at the associate, baccalaureate and master's degree levels in the arts, sciences, business and selected professional programs. APSU offers 13 online degree programs and hundreds of Web-based classes. Among APSU's many points of distinction are its outstanding programs in the sciences, two centers of excellence in the creative arts and field biology and four chairs of excellence in the creative arts, business, free enterprise and nursing.

An integral part of Clarksville, a rapidly growing city of more than 100,000 located 45 minutes northwest of Nashville, the University led the state in enrollment growth in recent years. Since 2000, Austin Peay has renovated and erected numerous top-of-the-line facilities on its 160-acre main. Of the universities offering classes on post at Fort Campbell, only APSU has been given permission to construct its own building. The University enrolls more students at the Fort Campbell Center than the other five institutions combined.

Utility Heavy Equipment Operator
Physical Plant
Regular Full-Time Position
Position Number 698010

General Description

The Utility Heavy Equipment Operator is under general supervision of the Grounds Supervisor. The incumbent drives and operates all vehicles and equipment assigned to the Roads and Grounds Division and will support divisions with manpower, equipment and repairs.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Operate backhoe, road grader and drive dump truck. Excavate area for roads, curbs, sidewalks, water lines, electric lines and other utilities.
- Construct forms for concrete work, steps, curbs/gutters, sidewalks etc.; set metal and wood forms. Determine concrete requirement for job.
- Pour and finish concrete, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, patios, headwall, etc.
- Operate air compressor and jack hammer.
- Drive all Roads and Grounds vehicles--pick-up thru 2 1/2 ton dump truck.
- Operate self contained mowers and other motorized equipment, tractor and associated equipment, plow, disc, verticut, mower, blower, vacuum, salt and fertilizer spreader, sprayer, aerator, grader blade, etc.
- Work as part of construction crew to repair sidewalks, install new sidewalks, patch pot holes using asphalt hot mix, paint curbs and parking lanes and repair and build fences.
- Install regulatory and directional signs as directed.
- Work as Roads and Grounds Utility Worker.
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned.

Essential Functions

- Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of records and information.
- Ability to interact in an effective and appropriate manner with diverse populations, the University community and the public.
- Ability to work overtime as needed.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Ability to set forms, pour and finish concrete.
- Ability to operate self contained mowers and other motorized equipment.
- Ability to operate a backhoe, jackhammer and 2 1/2 ton dump truck.
- Ability to recognize occupational hazards and take proper safety precautions.
- Ability to carry out simple oral instructions.
- Ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods under some unfavorable climatic conditions.

Required Minimum Qualifications

- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Previous experience in the use of farm type tractors and farm type equipment.
- Previous experience pouring and finishing concrete. (This requirement may be waived for trainable mechanical minded person).
- Valid driver's license.
- A background check will be required of the successful applicant.

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Previous experience working in the general construction area.
- Previous experience driving pick-up truck and 2 1/2 ton trucks.

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