

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 Worker (Horticulture)
Physical Plant
Regular Full-Time Position
Position Number 692010**

General Description

The Utility Worker is under the general supervision of the Landscape Manager and performs all types of landscaping duties to include design, preparation, planting, maintenance and upkeep of areas such as flower beds, borders, shrubs and trees.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Prepare annual flower beds for the campus beautification.
- Apply chemical herbicides, pesticides, fungicides as required.
- Perform pruning of trees and shrubs.
- Determine proper fertilizers used for trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.
- Mulch and winterize perennial beds.
- Operate horticultural equipment necessary to perform work assignments including hand and motorized small engine equipment.
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned.

Essential Functions

- Ability to effectively plant trees, shrubs, flower beds, etc.
- Ability to recognize and initiate corrective actions for safety hazards.
- Ability to accurately identify local trees, shrubs, flowers and planting materials.
- Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately.
- Ability to carry out oral and written instructions.
- Ability to work overtime as needed.
- Ability to efficiently and safely operate horticultural equipment.
- Ability to effectively and safely apply herbicide, pesticides and fungicides.
- Ability to interact in an effective and appropriate manner with diverse populations, the University community and the public.

Required Minimum Qualifications

- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to work overtime as needed.
- A background check will be required of the successful applicant.

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Documentation of some experience in the landscaping/horticulture areas with particular emphasis on planting and maintaining flower beds.

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