

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT TARGET DISCIPLINES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Washington State NRCS is hiring students who are pursuing agricultural or natural resources-related degrees and who, by the time they graduate, will meet all of the qualifications requirements for at least one of our target disciplines as listed below:

GS-454 Rangeland Management Specialist

Basic Requirements:

A. Completion of a 4-year or higher degree in range management or a related discipline, which includes at least 42 semester hours in a combination of the plant, animal and soil sciences and natural resources management as follows:

_ Range Management. At least 18 semester hours of course work in range management, including courses in such areas as basic principles of range management; range plants; range ecology; range inventories and studies; range improvement; and ranch or rangeland planning.

_ Directly Related Plant, Animal and Soil Sciences. At least 15 semester hours of directly related courses in the plant, animal and soil sciences, including at least one course in each of these three scientific areas, i.e., plant, animal and soil sciences. Courses in such areas as plant taxonomy; plant physiology; plant ecology; animal nutrition; livestock production; and soil morphology or soil classification are acceptable.

_ Related Resource Management Studies. At least 9 semester hours of course work in related resource management subjects, including courses in such areas as wildlife management; watershed management; natural resource or agricultural economics; forestry; agronomy; forages; and outdoor recreation management.

GS-457 Soil Conservationist

Basic Requirements:

A. Completion of a 4-year or higher degree in soil conservation or a related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education or agricultural engineering. The study must have included 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science. Of the 12 semester hours, a minimum of 3 semester hours must be in soils and 3 semester hours in crops or plant science.

If you are interested in a great career helping private landowners get conservation on the ground, we are the agency for you! Learn more about NRCS, where conservation is our purpose and our passion, at www.nrcs.usda.gov, or contact our Human Resources staff at (509) 323-2934 for more information about our exciting job opportunities!



Student Trainee Opportunities in Washington State!

APPLY BEGINNING DECEMBER 15, 2011

THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) IS RECRUITING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SCEP). THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW SELECTED STUDENTS WHO ARE PURSUING SPECIFIC AGRICULTURE OR NATURAL RESOURCES-RELATED DEGREES (SEE REVERSE) TO RECEIVE PAID ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WHILE ATTENDING AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO WORK FULL-TIME DURING SUMMER VACATION PERIODS BEGINNING THE SUMMER OF 2012, AND CAN CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT EACH SUMMER UNTIL GRADUATION TO PREPARE FOR A PERMANENT POSITION WITH OUR AGENCY. STUDENTS MUST WORK A MINIMUM OF 640 HOURS PRIOR TO GRADUATION AND MUST ALSO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIALIZATION FOR WHICH THEY WERE HIRED. SEE OUR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE USAJOBS WEBSITE AT WWW.USAJOBS.GOV BEGINNING 12/15/11, FOR ALL DETAILS, BENEFITS, AND REQUIREMENTS.