

University of Delaware
Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

Landscape Horticulture Internship Program
PLSC 364

Introduction: An internship is a valuable addition to an undergraduate horticulture experience. The goal of this internship program is to provide a “hands on” experience. Internships expand horizons and help students explore the scope of this diverse and fascinating industry. Students often develop a mature attitude toward academic preparation and classes become more relevant and meaningful. Many internships lead to jobs after graduation. Employers in the horticulture industry place job experience above grades, courses and references when looking for full time employees.

Course Description: Supervised, faculty-monitored, career-related experience in one or more aspects of the ornamental horticulture industry.

Mechanics:

1. Credits – 1-6 total credits may be earned in internships (maximum of 3 credits per internship and approximately 120 hours per credit). The same workplace may not be used for two internships.
2. Exclusions – Self-employment or interning with a business for which the student has previously worked will not be considered appropriate internships.
3. Schedules – A student may register for an internship during any semester. All the forms must be complete prior to registering for the internship.
4. Requirements - weekly log (15% of grade)
Final report (25% of grade)
Departmental Seminar (25% of grade)
Midterm and final evaluations (35% of grade)
5. Salary – The student may or may not accept a salary depending on the student’s negotiations with the employer.
6. Securing a position – an internship position can be secured in one of the following ways:
 - Consult Landscape Horticulture Internship Notebook in the PLSC office
 - Find a position posted on the PLSC job board
 - Meet with a professor to discuss positions available in the industry or PLSC department
 - Apply for a position posted on an internship website
 - Use Blue Hen Jobs Posting to find a position
 - Use personal industry contacts to locate an internship position

If you are interested in doing a Landscape Horticulture Internship, contact Dr. Susan Barton (sbarton@udel.edu or 302-831-1375; 140 Townsend Hall) for a brief meeting to receive and review a full Internship Packet.