

Landscaping Competencies

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Personal Qualities and People Skills

1. Demonstrate positive work ethic.
2. Demonstrate integrity.
3. Demonstrate teamwork skills.
4. Demonstrate self-representation skills.
5. Demonstrate diversity awareness.
6. Demonstrate conflict-resolution skills.
7. Demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Professional Knowledge and Skills

8. Demonstrate effective speaking and listening skills.
9. Demonstrate effective reading and writing skills.
10. Demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
11. Demonstrate healthy behaviors and safety skills.
12. Demonstrate an understanding of workplace organizations, systems, and climates.
13. Demonstrate lifelong-learning skills.
14. Demonstrate job-acquisition and advancement skills.
15. Demonstrate time-, task-, and resource-management skills.
16. Demonstrate job-specific mathematics skills.
17. Demonstrate customer-service skills.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Technology Knowledge and Skills

18. Demonstrate proficiency with technologies common to a specific occupation.
19. Demonstrate information technology skills.
20. Demonstrate an understanding of Internet use and security issues.
21. Demonstrate telecommunications skills.

Examining All Aspects of an Industry

22. Examine aspects of planning within an industry/organization.
23. Examine aspects of management within an industry/organization.
24. Examine aspects of financial responsibility within an industry/organization.
25. Examine technical and production skills required of workers within an industry/organization.
26. Examine principles of technology that underlie an industry/organization.
27. Examine labor issues related to an industry/organization.
28. Examine community issues related to an industry/organization.
29. Examine health, safety, and environmental issues related to an industry/organization.

Addressing Elements of Student Life

30. Identify the purposes and goals of the student organization.
31. Explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership in the student organization as a student and in professional/civic organizations as an adult.
32. Demonstrate leadership skills through participation in student organization activities, such as meetings, programs, and projects.
33. Identify Internet safety issues and procedures for complying with acceptable use standards.

Gaining an Overview of the Landscaping Industry

34. Identify the components of the program and the course.

35. Follow safety procedures for personal protection in the landscaping industry.
36. Examine career opportunities in the landscaping industry.

Practicing Leadership Skills

37. Identify benefits and responsibilities of FFA membership.
38. Identify duties of all officers in the FFA.
39. Participate in a committee meeting.
40. Prepare and deliver an oral presentation or speech.
41. Participate in a panel discussion.
42. Write a news release.
43. Use parliamentary procedure.
44. Develop record-keeping skills, using the Virginia SAE Record Book.
45. Complete an FFA award and/or officer application.
46. Participate in a community improvement project.
47. Develop an annual plan for Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) based on personal goals.
48. Apply for an FFA proficiency award.

Designing the Landscape

49. Gain an overview of the landscape design industry.
50. Establish a client's landscaping requirements, using a Family Inventory Survey.
51. Sketch and draw, using standard industry graphics.
52. Analyze the landscape site.
53. Design the site for function and aesthetics.
54. Develop the landscape plan.
55. Relate art to landscaping.
56. Identify landscape plants.
57. Select plants for the landscape.
58. Price the landscape plan.

Constructing the Landscape

59. Explore the scope of the landscape construction industry.
60. Use landscape tools and other equipment.
61. Prepare the site for planting.
62. Purchase plants.
63. Install plant materials.
64. Edge plant beds.

Maintaining the Landscape

65. Water landscapes.
66. Fertilize landscape plantings.
67. Mulch landscape plantings.
68. Prune ornamental plants.
69. Maintain lawns.
70. Control pests.
71. Maintain landscape tools and other equipment.