

Learning Garden Educator Internship

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Pay Rate: \$22 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2022

Hours: 30 - 40 hours a week

Telework: Hybrid

Physical Location: NE Health Center, 5329 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97211

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? N/A

What Does the REACH Program Do?

The Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Program is housed within the Multnomah County Health Department, Public Health Division. The REACH Program collaborates with the ACHIEVE Coalition and its multi-sector partners to reduce chronic disease burden and disparities in Black and African immigrant and refugee communities. Focusing on three primary strategies (Nutrition, Community-Clinical Linkages, and Physical Activity/Built Environment), the REACH Program elevates community voice to identify and implement policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change strategies that center a fundamental value for health equity.

Internship Description:

The Learning Garden Educator is a full-time, 12-week summer internship position facilitated by the Multnomah County REACH Program in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Portland Metropolitan Area. The Learning Garden Educator will offer critical support to Boys & Girls Club staff and youth to ensure that a club can maximize the educational potential of the garden. The Learning Garden Educator leads garden science and nutrition education classes, while providing professional development training for staff in the process. The Learning Garden Educator acts as a resource for staff as they plan their own enrichment programs in the outdoor classroom, and models skills that staff need to feel comfortable using the garden to promote a culture of health for youth from diverse backgrounds.

The Educator:

- Facilitates garden science classes, incorporating both environmental science and nutrition education as they relate to the garden;
- Works closely with Boys & Girls Club staff to develop garden-based enrichment programs that empower youth to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens;
- Oversees and coordinates students' hands-on learning experiences in the garden (planting, tending, harvesting, and cooking);
- Builds long-term involvement in and commitment to the learning garden within the club community, including staff, youth participants and their families;
- Builds capacity within the club by co-teaching with Boys & Girls Club staff;
- Maintains the garden, coordinating volunteers and working with the Boys & Girls Club and Multnomah County REACH to secure all needed supplies;
- Leads a group of youth participants in garden-related action projects through summer programming.

Responsibilities include:

- Facilitate 2-4 garden-based education workshops per day, 2 days each week;
- Manage the learning garden, plan and prepare for garden activities, manage the summer planting schedule, ensure availability of tools and other necessary materials;
- Attend Multnomah County REACH staff meetings;
- Coordinate learning garden events to bring youth, families, staff, and community members together;
- Monitor, document, and report on all activities and extent of youth and staff engagement;
- Maintain learning garden resources, including lesson plans, planting guides, and recipes for future programming.

Education and Experience Qualifications:

- At least 2-3 years of facilitation or teaching experience with youth ages 6-12 (outdoor group management experience preferred);
- Knowledge and skills in small-scale organic food production or home gardening;
- Knowledge of or interest in topics including urban gardening, botany, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, and food access;
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations including youth and adults;
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including public speaking skills;
- Ability to work independently and be flexible;
- Project management skills.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement: To protect the health of the community and employees, Multnomah County requires employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved medical or religious exception as a qualification of employment.

The rule applies to all employees, as allowable by law. Candidates who receive an offer of County employment must provide proof of vaccination upon hire or submit an exception request prior to their start date.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the

recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 3, 2022.