

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**TITLE:** Recreation/Sports Specialist III

**GRADE:** M - 5

## **FUNCTIONS:**

This position provides journey level craft labor, working with tools to install, construct, repair, replace, overhaul and perform preventive maintenance for irrigation and underground sprinkling systems relating to athletic fields; landscape forms including fences, retaining walls, and walkways; and other exterior features of the campus grounds. This position is responsible for the scheduling of athletic field painting in accordance with all athletic association rules and game schedules. This position is responsible for the scheduling of equipment for preventative maintenance and repair. This position operates light equipment required to install, maintain and repair grounds, landscaping, landscape forms and structures. The incumbent operates forklifts; front-end loaders; lift trucks; tractors with a variety of attachments including buckets, brushes, thatchers, aerators, seeders, landscape rakes and snowplows; tailgate trucks; skid loaders with attachments; forklifts; and other light equipment. The incumbent may be assigned to snow removal for a significant portion of the work shift during winter months. The incumbent constructs, repairs and maintains irrigation and sprinkler systems, retaining walls, as well as other small structures, working with both wood and masonry materials. As necessary, the incumbent assists grounds construction crews in pouring and finishing cement. The incumbent trims bushes and trees interfering with athletic field fencing. The incumbent cleans gutters and rain spouts; installs memorial plaques at designated campus locations; sets up and dismantles fixtures and furniture for campus functions; and installs banners. This position give work direction to Recreation/Sports Region Athletic Grounds Specialist I and II.

The incumbent uses equipment to prepare sections of ground for streets, walkways and parking lots; to excavate flower and shrub beds and tree wells; to excavate and grade sites for construction of landscape forms and other small structures; to form ground for drainage areas; to remove snow and ice from parking lots, roads and walkways; to load other vehicles; and to perform other landscape and grounds maintenance and installation functions. This position fastens attachments to trucks and tractors with wedge-pin and other hitches; connects hydraulic hoses, belts, mechanical linkages and/or power takeoff shafts to trucks and tractors to provide power to raise, lower and tilt attachments; and operates levers and foot pedals to maneuver attachments while driving vehicles. During winter months, the incumbent operates light tractors with front loaders and snow throwers to remove snow from parking lots and performs other snow and ice removal services.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

The incumbent must have a chemical license for Right-of-Way spraying. The incumbent will be expected to attend classes, paid by the University, to keep refreshed on turf maintenance methods and new equipment available to perform athletic grounds work efficiently.