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**Veterans Conservation Corps**

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**Palouse Conservation District**

Natural Resource Conservation Internship

**General Description**

Palouse Conservation District (PCD) is a local, grant funded organization that fosters voluntary conservation of natural resources by providing education, technical expertise, and on-the-ground project implementation to help members of our community reach their conservation goals. PCD is involved in a wide variety of programs and projects in the community including riparian area restoration, research and monitoring, education and outreach, conservation agriculture, and habitat enhancement. By working closely with local landowners and land managers, PCD is improving soil health, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat on the Palouse.

**Position Summary**

Primary duties of this position are to assist PCD staff in the implementation and maintenance of riparian restoration projects on private land throughout southeast Whitman County. Other duties will include but are not limited to assisting PCD staff with water quality and soil health monitoring, vegetation monitoring, and engaging the community through education and outreach events. The goal of this position is to provide the intern with a wide range of experiences in all program areas at PCD.

**Schedule and Compensation**

This 6 to 12 month internship will begin as soon as possible and includes a monthly stipend to assist with living expenses: $1800 for a full-time internship (approx. 40 hrs/week) and $900 for a part-time internship (approx. 20 hrs/week). Typical work week is Monday- Friday with occasional night and weekend work for outreach events. Position open until filled.

**Requirements**

* Must be a veteran of the United States uniformed services
* Must have dependable transportation to and from the Palouse Conservation District office
* Must currently possess a valid driver’s license

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

This is considered an entry level position and no experience is required. Applicants with the following skills, knowledge, and abilities will be given preference.

* Experience working on a crew to perform time-sensitive construction or restoration projects
* Experience implementing safety practices in the field with and without supervision
* Experience operating power and hand tools (brush cutters, mowers, augers, drills, saws, etc.)
* Experience properly mixing and applying pesticides
* Able to lift up to 40-lbs
* Able to consistently perform strenuous labor in all outdoor conditions
* Able to take direction and work as a member of a team
* Able to operate a motor vehicle and haul a trailer
* Ability to identify common riparian plants of eastern Washington
* Experience collecting water quality samples and taking streamflow measurements
* Comfortable and willing to speak to landowners, students, and other members of the public about natural resource issues to promote the goals and mission of PCD

**Training**

*All necessary training required to perform the essential functions/duties is provided on the job.*

In addition to on-the-job training, this position may include the following formal trainings and certifications to aid in personal & professional development:

* Washington Pesticide Applicator License
* Plant Identification
* WET Watershed Education Training
* Veterans Cultural Competency Training
* Posttraumatic Growth Training
* PTSD/TBI/Mental Health/ Suicide Awareness & Prevention
* WDVA Veteran Peer Corps Certification
* VCC Annual Training (every August)
* Environmental conservation conferences/symposiums/workshops
* Other trainings/certifications as available and desired by intern

**Apply**

All applicants must pass a background check.

To apply, email **a resume, a copy of your DD214 or service discharge certificate, a copy of your current driver’s license, and a cover letter** explaining your interest in this internship to:

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**Questions?**

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