

## CAREER PROFILES

### Landscape and horticulture technicians and specialists:

**Landscape and horticulture technicians and specialists** survey and assess landscapes; draw sketches and build models of landscape designs; construct and maintain gardens, parks, golf courses, and other landscaped environments; advise clients on issues related to horticulture such as irrigation; breed, cultivate, and study plants; and treat injured and diseased trees and plants.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$29,800 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$20.29/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Reading
- Document use
- Writing
- Numeracy
- Oral Communication
- Thinking
- Digital technology

### Job Duties:

Landscape designers and landscape architectural technicians and technologists survey and assess sites, prepare drawings, sketches, and reports, and perform other duties to assist landscape architects in designing landscaped environments.

Landscapers plan and construct landscaped environments which may include trees, shrubberies, lawns, fences, decks, patios, and other landscape structures.

### Working Conditions:

Landscape and horticultural technicians and specialists generally have standard hours, however, extended work hours are common during peak season and there may be periods of seasonal unemployment. They typically work outside where they may be exposed to extreme weather conditions, though for landscape designers, some work is done indoors.

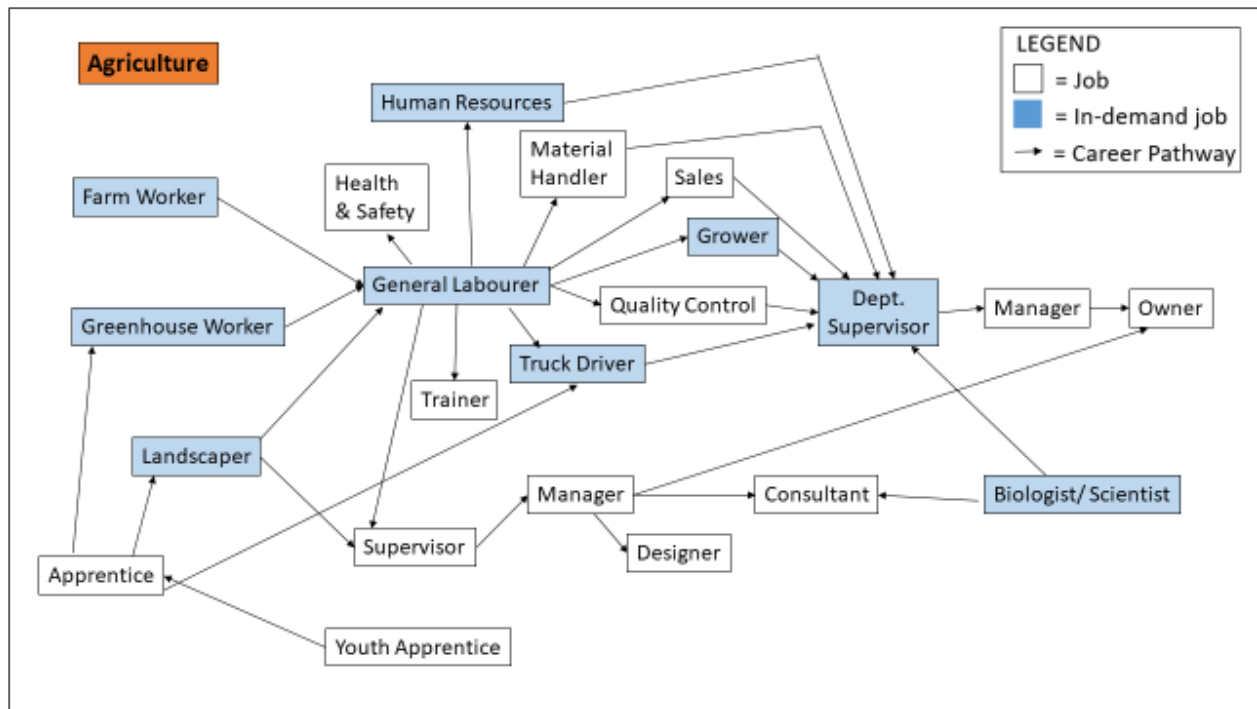
The work is often dirty and can involve the use of dangerous equipment, such as chain saws and chippers, and toxic chemicals, such as fertilizers and pesticides. Arborists are required to work at heights from ladders, from boom trucks, or climbing trees. Workers follow safety precautions to limit risk of injury.

### Career Pathways:

With experience, landscape and horticultural technologists and technicians can advance to supervisory positions or start their own business.

Landscape and horticulture technicians and specialists are employed by landscape designers and contractors, lawn service and tree care establishments, golf courses, nurseries and greenhouses, and municipal, provincial, and national parks, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for landscape and horticultural technologists and technicians:

- Arborist
- Floriculturist
- Gardener
- Golf course superintendent
- Hydroponics technician
- Irrigation technician (except agriculture)
- Landscape designer
- Landscape technician
- Lawn care specialist
- Plant doctor
- Tree service technician
- Turfgrass management specialist



### Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a landscape and horticulture technician and specialist, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

#### St. Clair College:

#### **Horticulture Technician - Landscape**

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- OSSD with the majority of courses at the College(C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O) level

**Academic Credential:** Two Year – Ontario College Diploma

**Professional Certification:** N/A

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time

**Program Length:** 2 year – 4 semester

**Program Cycle:** Intake Summer, Fall, and Winter

**Program Cost:** \*\$3,819.05/year

**OSAP Eligible:** Yes

**Location:** 2000 Talbot Road West, Windsor, ON, N9A 6S4

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/postsec/horticulture/>

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