



FIELD TECHNICIAN (SEASONAL)

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V3 Companies is a growth-oriented organization providing professional engineering, construction, and science related services to clients. V3's Construction & Ecological Restoration Division is seeking qualified candidates to fill multiple Field Technician positions. For those students interested in the biological sciences (i.e., biology, botany, ecology, zoology, aquatic ecology, etc...), these positions offer valuable ecological field experience working within the Chicago region.



Open Position:

Field Technicians:

Location:	Various sites in the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area
Starting Date:	March – May 2014
Completion:	July to November 2014 (project dependent / flexible)
Hours per Week:	25 – 45 hours (project & weather dependent)
Pay:	\$10 - \$14/hr (based on experience)
Overtime Pay:	1.5 x base wage for every hour worked over 40 in the same week
Applications:	Accepted through 5/30/14 or until positions are filled



Field Technicians will assist V3 staff ecologists with a variety of field management activities for projects around the greater Chicagoland area. The primary responsibility of Field Technicians will be to conduct invasive species control (mechanical and chemical methods). Technicians will obtain a herbicide operators license issued by the State of Illinois. Technicians will spend 100% of their time in the field at various project locations as assigned. Technicians will work in vegetative communities such as prairies, wetlands, sedge meadows, woodlands, and naturalized basins. Technicians may also conduct wetland plant installation. Technicians will learn plant identification, plant ecology and invasive species control methods. Technicians will be exposed to various ecological management practices commonly used in the Great Lakes Region as well as various restoration and enhancement, wetland mitigation/creation, and naturalization projects. Other responsibilities may include irrigation, tree and shrub installation, select tree removal, and erosion control blanket installation.



Technicians will be scheduled on various project sites, possibly on a daily basis, throughout the season. Project sites are located throughout the greater Chicagoland area, including DuPage, Cook, Will, Kane, and Lake Counties, Illinois and Lake County, Indiana. Technicians will likely be assigned to project sites located in most, if not all, of these counties throughout the duration of the season.



REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a college student or graduate working towards or with a degree in the biological sciences;
2. Must be at least 18 years of age;
3. Must provide own private transportation to each project location;
4. Must have the physical ability to work in up to 2 feet of muddy water and carry materials weighing up to 50 pounds, while exposed to outdoor elements such as heat and rain.



Interested applicants should e-mail their resume to Stephanie Lindemann at careers@v3co.com.



V3 Companies is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified minority applicants encouraged.



Sampling of What Previous Employees Have Said About Working at V3

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What did you like best about the position?

- Getting to work outdoors in scenic settings with native plants, as well as working with knowledgeable individuals who truly enjoy their jobs and enjoy preserving native ecosystems.
- I would say what I liked best about the position was the amount of species that I learned to identify. Also, it was very rewarding to restore the habitats to a more naturalized and attractive state.
- I liked the work environment. A lot of the sites were very enjoyable to work on because down the road, I will be able to see the growth and change of that habitat.
- Getting to work outside and working with great people, both interns and crew leaders.

What did you like best about the company?

- V3 has good, knowledgeable employees and I enjoyed working with them.
- I like how the company has the program to give students a look at live specimen and ecosystems, and not just a picture or phrase in a book.
- The people and the overall purpose and goals.
- What I liked most about the company was the fellow employees that I was able to work with and learn from. It was a very fun and very productive atmosphere.
- Meeting staff who had experience in the field; most gave great feedback. I love that it promotes restoration in a variety of ways so that the public can see these works in action.

How does V3's pay structure compare with the pay you have received for similar type work in previous summer positions?

- The pay was great.
- Pay was substantially better than other summer internships or part-time jobs.
- V3 is the best-paying job I have had to date.
- The pay structure I thought was very competitive. I looked at other positions that were along the same lines as this but the pay was far less or sometimes nonexistent. I was very pleased with the pay.

What did you learn from this position regarding restoration?

- The most critical piece of information that I learned from this position is that the job is all about being practical. It would be a waste of time to eradicate all of the invasive species, because some will die out in a few years under natural processes. I also learned that a healthy natural area is remarkably resilient, a fact that helped to change my understanding of ecology in general.
- Restoration is more than just a planting area, there is a structured plan with years of maintenance and commitment after an area is planted.
- I learned not only about the process of putting plugs in the ground but about the business behind getting such large-scale restoration projects. Also, I learned about the various types of plants that are positive or negative on prairies and wetlands.
- I learned about certain ecosystems diversity as well as native Illinois plant material, and specifically the type of soil and environment the plant needed.

Would you recommend this summer position to a friend? Why or why not?

- Yes, interesting work, good people, good pay.
- Yes, the work is rewarding and informative and the coworkers are friendly and helpful.
- Yes, it was extremely educational and I greatly enjoyed the work environment.
- I would for so many reasons. It was hard work, but in a good way. You get to work outside in natural settings, around interested and passionate professionals as well as peers with similar interests. There were many different backgrounds, and no matter what, you end up learning a great deal about many different things. The pay was great, and I felt like my efforts were truly appreciated by the staff. It was a great work experience.