



Vermont Garden Network Garden Apprenticeship 2024

Length of apprenticeship: May to October

Hours: 8 hrs per week, on average. The workload during the month of May will be around 12 hrs/week. Applicants must be available on Wednesday evenings from 5-8pm and the second Saturday of each month from 8:30am-12:30pm. Additional hours dedicated to meetings and garden maintenance work are more flexible and occasionally include weekends.

Position Summary: This is a full-season opportunity to gain practical experience in organic gardening and hands-on education. The Garden Apprentice will work closely with VGN's Garden Education Manager to deliver the Thriving Gardens Course, a 6-month long organic gardening class for adults. This is a dynamic position to take on the responsibility of being both a teaching assistant to support the instructor and students, and a garden assistant to maintain our educational garden site. The Garden Apprentice will also support field work at other VGN program sites, which include working alongside young children, refugee and migrant families.

Primary Duties:

- Assist in preparing materials and tidy up after weekly garden classes
- Co-facilitate garden work days for students and occasional volunteers
- Participate in various hands-on gardening activities, including: seeding, transplanting, harvesting, mulching, weeding, and pest management
- Assist with regular watering schedules that may include weekends during peak summer heat
- Participate in garden site maintenance tasks such as shed inventories, clean and sharpen tools, mulch pathways

Skills & Qualifications:

- Interest in community-based gardening, food systems, food justice, agroecology
- Prior experience in organic vegetable gardening and/or farming is desirable
- Personal transportation to get to garden sites in and around Burlington is required
- Willingness to work outside and do physical work in all weather conditions
- Quick learner, able and willing to work independently
- Highly organized and detail-oriented to keep track of time sensitive tasks
- Ability to be flexible due to shifting needs of the gardens and programs

Compensation: \$15/hr

Application deadline: April 19, 2024

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to:

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