



Vineyard Manager / Viticulture Instructor

SUMMARY

This position is responsible for maintaining the college vineyards in collaboration with the V & E Program Director. In addition, this position includes a teaching load of 3- 9 credits per semester (and possibly one course during summer) depending upon demand and time availability. Finally, the position will assist in research and extension duties for the Kansas grape and wine industry as well as workshop teaching/hosting.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

1. Collaborate with V&E Department to manage and perform day-to-day activities at HCC Vineyards year around.
2. Maintain vineyard equipment and manage vineyard students/interns. Report any major maintenance needs or equipment abnormalities to V&E Program Director.
3. Teach up to 3-9 credits of courses each semester and potentially one course during the summer. Conducting field workshops may count as partial credit hour teaching load.
4. Serve as a vineyard extension agent including consulting for the Kansas grape and wine industry and attendance at some national industry conferences.
5. Assist with technical information pertaining to curriculum review and development within the department and at VESTA Annual Summit.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible for supervision of students in class setting. May supervise student workers/interns. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. Responsibilities include planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising performance; rewarding and disciplining employees; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree or higher in viticulture, horticulture, enology, or related field required. Master's Degree preferred. Experience working in a vineyard is essential. Experience with hybrid grape varieties and mechanized vineyard operations preferred. Computer literacy required. Must be able to operate tractors and other equipment associated with vineyards. Must be able to operate with a minimum of supervision.

CONTACT

Request application packet from: humanresources@highlandcc.edu or 785-442-6144.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The HCC V&E Program is located in Wamego, KS (www.visitwamego.com). HCC currently has 5000 vines planted, 500 of which are a trial plot. The College has a licensed, bonded winery on the Wamego Campus. The program is managed by Scott Kohl, who grew up on a farm in western Kansas. HCC V&E offers degrees and certificates in both Viticulture and Enology as well as serves as the Kansas member of VESTA (www.vesta-usa.org). For more information about the program, check the program website (www.highlandcc.edu/pages/grapes) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hccve).

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