



MIDWEST GROUNDCOVERS LLC

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Nurseries Located in St. Charles & Virgil, Illinois and Glenn, Michigan

About the company:

Growing and propagating over 20 million of the finest wholesale plants in the Midwest. Although Groundcovers are our specialty, Midwest Groundcovers' plant offerings include Evergreens and Broadleaves, Deciduous Shrubs, Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, Vines and Native Prairie, Wetland and Woodland species. We are leaders in the Green Industry in partnering with landscape architects, landscape designers, green roof and plant professionals to create inspiring planting combination solutions. Experts in plants for Midwestern durability and sustainability for over five decades. We are a Wholesale Grower, not open to the public.

Where to Apply: www.midwestgroundcovers.com/about-us/careers/intern-programs/



Objective / Accountability:

To experience all aspects of working in a wholesale production container nursery from propagation through sales. This internship will fulfill the internship requirements of an accredited 2 or 4 year program leading to the graduation of the intern.

The program will vary depending on the interest and skills of the intern and the needs of the company. Generally the intern will split their time between all Virgil departments, with opportunities to work in other departments through the season.

Function / Corresponding Tasks:

Propagation

- Learn the different methods Midwest Groundcovers propagates woody material.
- Learn how the cuttings are cared for during the propagation cycle. Learn the proper cultural care of cuttings.
- Learn to take cuttings and to stick cuttings.

Greenhouse Production & Operations

- Learn how spring orders are prepared and shipped.
- Gain an understanding of greenhouse controls.
- Learn about greenhouse production.

Growing

- Assist with creation of grower hand book
- Learn nursery irrigation
- Assist with monitoring and recording nutrition levels for all plant material, Help monitor pH and EC levels in soils and water
- Understand and operate fertilizer injectors to obtain desired fertility

Production

- production reports and Ross reports
- Learn and assist with production potting and pruning processes

PROPAGATORS AND GROWERS OF GROUNDCOVERS, PERENNIALS, SHRUBS, EVERGREENS AND NATIVES



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- Learn and assist with tractor operator functions
- Assist with creation of prune history file

Plant Health

- Learn to identify key pests and diseases of woody plant material
- Discuss control Option with Plant Health Supervisor
- Assist with scouting

Inventory/Transfer

- Assist in keeping inventory accurate by learning loss report and change of location processes and keeping plant material labeled properly
- Assist with nursery reviews
- Acquire familiarity and assist with production planning process
- Learn Transfer process

Trials

- Assist with organizing, labeling, and evaluations of the trial and evaluation houses.
- Assist with planning, organizing, carrying out, data collection, and analysis of trails.
- An individual project is an option if the intern is interested, has a good plan, and is applical to Midwest groundcovers and the intern.

Required Skills:

Good organizational skills

Working knowledge of computers

Enrolled in a 2 or 4 year program

Expectations:

Work in a fast paced environment and meet deadlines

Ability to work rain or shine

Willingness to learn and grow