



**Arborist-in-Training Instructor**  
*Las Vegas Urban Forest Center at UNLV*  
*Plant Trees. Grow Careers. Cool Communities.*

Are you passionate about trees, the environment, and creating opportunities for the next generation of green industry professionals? The **Las Vegas Urban Forest Center** is hiring a full-time **Instructor** to lead our **Arborist-in-Training (AIT)** program, a 20-week, hands-on workforce development initiative designed to prepare individuals for meaningful careers in urban forestry.

The AIT program is part of an urban forestry and community resiliency effort supported by a multi-year U.S. Forest Service grant. Our mission: **plant 3,000 trees in underserved neighborhoods across the Las Vegas Valley** while educating the community about the benefits of an expanded tree canopy.

As the AIT Instructor, you'll be more than a teacher—you'll be a mentor, guide, and changemaker. You'll design and lead engaging lessons in desert horticulture, tree care, and sustainable landscaping while supporting weekly community tree plantings and partnerships with local organizations.

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**What You'll Do:**

- Develop and teach a **comprehensive, 20-week curriculum** focused on desert horticulture, arboriculture, and landscape sustainability.
- Cover topics including plant ID, tree selection, soils, irrigation, pruning, pests, climate resilience, composting, and safety.
- Lead **two days of weekly classroom instruction** and support **two days of hands-on tree planting** in disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- Coordinate with **community partners** to host field trips, guest speakers, and on-the-job experiences.
- Support the development of **bilingual curriculum** (Spanish/English) and help make environmental education more accessible to all.
- Lead **educational workshops** and information sessions to help community members learn about the benefits of trees.

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### **Who We're Looking For:**

We're seeking a dedicated educator with an understanding of desert plants and a heart for community service. Ideal candidates will be just as comfortable teaching pruning techniques as they are working alongside residents to green their neighborhoods.

### **Required:**

- Bachelor's degree in forestry, horticulture, natural sciences, or a related field.
- Strong knowledge of desert-adapted plants, urban forestry practices, and sustainable landscaping techniques.
- 3-5 years of experience in curriculum development and adult education or workforce training.
- Comfortable working outdoors in extreme temperatures and lifting up to 25 pounds.

### **Preferred:**

- **ISA Certified Arborist** or equivalent experience.
- **Bilingual in Spanish and English** or willingness to collaborate with support staff.
- Passion for serving historically under-resourced communities.
- Background in community forestry or environmental work.

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### **Why This Job Matters:**

Trees don't just make neighborhoods greener—they **cool communities**, improve public health, reduce energy bills, and foster a sense of pride. Your work will **directly impact lives**, helping to train future arborists while building a healthier, cooler Las Vegas.

**Join us in planting the seeds for a more resilient city—one tree, one trainee, one neighborhood at a time.**

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**Salary:** \$60,000 per year  
**Open Until Filled**

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