Job Opportunities

Youth Pathways to Green Jobs in the Puget Sound Region

Do your research and build a network of professional connections...

Who provides job shadows? Who provides internships? Who are the employers?

Entry Level Jobs

My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary (average)
Natural Yard Care Landscape / Groundskeeping Crew	Basic Employability Skills hand tools lift 30-50lbs native plant knowledge basic landscape design skills	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$15-20/hr
Habitat Restoration Crew	Basic Employability Skills hand tools lift 30-50lbs native plant knowledge native species knowledge	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$15-20/hr
Tree Planting Crew	Basic Employability Skills hand tools Lift 20-30 lbs tree knowledge	on the job training	\$15-20/hr

Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse Laborer	Basic Employability Skills hand tools lift 30-50lbs plant knowledge	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$15-20/hr
Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory Crew	Basic Employability Skills basic stormwater knowledge read GIS maps computer skills	on the job training	\$20/hr
Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Crew	Basic Employability Skills hand tools lift 30-50lbs materials knowledge basic stormwater knowledge	on the job training	\$20/hr
Stormwater Infrastructure Inspector	Basic Employability Skills generate reports word processing permits/regulations knowledge math skills	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$20/hr
City / Small Business Stormwater Compliance Inspector	Basic Employability Skills hand tools word processing generate reports permits/regulations knowledge	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$20/hr
Trash Collection	Basic Employability Skills lift 30-70lbs navigation local regulation knowledge	on the job training Sample Job Description	\$15/hr
Water Supply Specialist Job Profile and Interview	Basic Employability Skills analyze data technical terms knowledge equipment knowledge computer skills permit/regulation knowledge geology and snow knowledge	on the job training, <u>Pathways</u> <u>Internship Program</u> , or Bachelor's degree	\$25,000/yr

Self-Employed Contractor Jobs			
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary
Rain Garden Installation Contractor	Basic Employability Skills hand tools excavation equipment calculating materials basic hydrology soil types and plants bidding jobs customer/customer relations permitting budgeting	on the job training Rain garden training certificate equipment operator license small business certificate horticulture certificate	\$30,000-\$60,000 high risk high independence
Cistern Installation Contractor	Basic Employability Skills hand tools excavation equipment calculating rain volume bidding jobs customer/employee relations permitting budgeting	on the job training cistern training certificate equipment operator license small business certificate basic engineering info/certificate ARCSA.org offers trainings	\$30,000-\$60,000 high risk high independence
Irrigation Systems Specialist	Basic Employability Skills pipe repair electrical troubleshooting locate valves water conservation technique planning & design	2-Year Certificate College and University Listing Bachelors UW, WWU, WSU Lake WA Technical College	\$15-\$30/hr
Native Plant Horticulturist / Master Gardener	Basic Employability Skills native plant knowledge pest control plant cultivation computer modeling disease mitigation	2-Year Certificate College and University Listing Bachelors UW, WWU, WSU	\$11-\$23/hr (<u>Payscale</u>)

Arborist (tree specialist)	Basic Employability Skills plant knowledge chainsaw operation proposal drafts obtain permits client interaction	2-Year Certificate College and University Listing Bachelors UW, WWU, WSU	\$14-26/hr (Payscale)		
Urban Forestry Planner	Basic Employability Skills silviculture knowledge walk/stand for extended periods ornamental plant knowledge maintenance hand tools power tools disease mitigation	2-Year Certificate College and University Listing Bachelors UW, WWU, WSU	\$30,000-\$71,000(glassdoor) Avg \$46,789		
Wetland / Riparian Restoration Specialist	Basic Employability Skills wetland mitigation native species horticulture site assessment surveying stormwater control erosion/sediment control GPS operation	Bachelors College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$30,000-\$80,000 (BLS) Median - \$46,000		
Stormwater/Manage	Stormwater/Management Jobs				
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary		
Stormwater Program Manager	Basic Employability Skills collaboration organization word processing generate reports give instruction	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$37,000-\$104,000 (<u>Payscale</u>) Avg \$50,615		

Stormwater Engineer	Basic Employability Skills engineering software operate heavy machinery lift 50+ lbs word processing extended standing	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$48,000 - \$99,000(glassdoor) Avg \$65,028
State Stormwater Inspector & Compliance / Enforcement Specialist	Basic Employability Skills knowledge of water systems understanding of federal policies	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$45,000-\$60,000 (WA.gov)
Surface Water Planner	Basic Employability Skills design software skills knowledge of water systems	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	(Same as urban planner) \$45,000-\$114,000 (BLS) Median - \$73,000
City Stormwater Supervisor	Basic Employability Skills understanding of local policies knowledge of water systems	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$29,000 - \$84,000
Stormwater Facilities Inspector	Basic Employability Skills understanding of local regulations knowledge of water systems	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$29,000 - \$84,000
Stormwater Facilities Maintenance	Basic Employability Skills technical equipment knowledge knowledge of water systems	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$29,000 - \$84,000
City/County Parks Manager	Basic Employability Skills educational planning intrapersonal skills program creation stakeholder feedback	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$76,000 - \$117,000 (<u>The Balance</u>) GS 13-14 Job Category, with base pay of \$78,000 for GS 13 and max pay of \$120,000 (<u>US OPM 2020</u>)

Public Works Director	Basic Employability Skills program creation stakeholder feedback technical terms knowledge management ability	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$48,000 - \$123,000 (<u>Payscale</u>) Avg \$74,453
Construction Manager Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills scheduling software budgeting knowledge site mapping software	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$75,000-\$89,000 (Payscale)
Environmental Management Specialist Job Profile and Interview	Basic Employability Skills regulation knowledge water/environment knowledge calculation software stormwater background	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$55,000 - \$90,000 (<u>Payscale</u>)
Sustainable Development Program Manager Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills certification knowledge collaboration project management	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$85,000 - \$148,000 (<u>Payscale</u>)
Architecture Jobs			
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary
Architect	Basic Employability Skills CAD materials knowledge construction documents budgeting project management design skills and creativity	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$50,000-\$140,000 (<u>BLS</u>) Median - \$79,000

Landscape Architect Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills CAD materials knowledge construction documents budgeting project management design skills and creativity	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$40,000-\$113,000 (BLS) Median - \$68,000
Urban Planner Job Profile and Interview	Basic Employability Skills code research Report writing	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$45,000-\$114,000 (BLS) Median - \$73,000
Engineering Jobs			
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Hydraulic Engineer	Basic Employability Skills math application geometric plans channelization hydraulic reports engineering drawing mapping	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	Wage / Salary \$51,000-\$110,000 (Glassdoor) Avg \$72,323

Basic Employability Skills calculation software

environmental regulation knowledge

modeling software

Environmental Engineer

Job Profile

Bachelors or Masters Degree
College and University Listing
UW, WWU, WSU

\$74,000-\$102,000 (<u>Payscale</u>)

Water Resource Engineer	Basic Employability Skills permitting knowledge ArcGIS/AutoCAD spatial analysis database management technical writing	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$51,000-\$122,000 Avg \$79,340 (environmentalscience.org)
Pavement, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operator / Engineer	Basic Employability Skills lift > 50 lbs large equipment operation attention to detail small and large tools physical coordination	High school / GED NAPA (and others) training	\$34,000-\$58,000 (<u>Salary</u>) Avg \$41,517
Stormwater Engineer	Basic Employability Skills knowledge of water systems CAD understanding of local regulations	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$48,000-\$99,000(glassdoor) Avg \$65,028
Environmental Scie	ntist Jobs		
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary
Environmental Scientist Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills soil science statistics critical thinking research methods observation recording track data project organization	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$40,000-\$120,000 (BLS) Median - \$71,000
Watershed Ecologist	Basic Employability Skills policy creation & navigation wildlife knowledge invasive species management walk/hike for extended periods	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$40,000-\$55,000(<u>salary.com</u>) Median \$44,480

first aid

Hydrogeologist Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills setup, calibrate instruments write reports & proposals investigation scientific method heavy equipment operation advanced computer software	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD) Sample Job Description	\$47,000-\$95,000 (<u>Payscale</u>) Avg \$60,909
Watershed Modeler	Basic Employability Skills ecosystem science hydrology, spatial analysis ArcGIS/AutoCAD database management technical writing	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Sample Job Description	\$20/hr (Based on this job listing)
Habitat Planner	Basic Employability Skills restoration science regulation knowledge master plan creation ArcGIS database management	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD) Sample Job Description	(Same as urban planner) \$45,000-\$114,000 (BLS) Median - \$73,000
Fisheries (Salmon) Biologist	Basic Employability Skills data collection & recording fish rearing disease prevention aquatic botany monitoring plans	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing ges UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD) Sample Job Description	\$40,000 - \$102,000(BLS) Median - \$63,000
Stream Ecologist	Basic Employability Skills ecological systems assess biotic Integrity prepare proposals method analysis AutoCAD ArcGIS hydrologic modeling	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$34,000-\$77,000(<u>Glassdoor</u>) Avg \$50,900

Soil Ecologist	Basic Employability Skills sample collection and assessment conduct research report writing produce maps laboratory research	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$40,000-\$115,000 (<u>BLS</u>) Median - 63,200
Water Quality Analyst	Basic Employability Skills chemistry conduct testing laboratory testing coordinate emergency action take samples	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$39,000-\$80,000(glassdoor) Avg \$56,616
Aquatic / Marine Toxicologist Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills chemical testing take samples laboratory work wildlife handling aquatic plants	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$50,000-\$180,000(BLS) Avg \$105,940
Shellfish Specialist	Basic Employability Skills cultivate and harvest shellfish toxins/chemical testing work in water investigation write reports Interpret laws	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	\$47,000-\$80,000(<u>Paysa</u>) Avg \$58,136
Agricultural Scientist	Basic Employability Skills problem solving animal science pest control disease control genetic engineering stand for extended periods	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU Researcher (PhD)	Avg \$71,000 (BLS)
Energy Research Analyst Job Profile and Interview	Basic Employability Skills office software (Word / Excel) business and financial software mathematical software	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$83,000 (BLS)

Water Quality Analyst Job Profile and Interview	Basic Employability Skills knowledge of lab equipment/processes office software (excel and word)	Bachelors or Masters Degree College and University Listing	\$56,000-\$80,000 (
Computer Science / Technology Jobs				
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary	
GIS Mapping	Basic Employability Skills navigation GIS software Microsoft processing follow detailed instruction surveying road network analysis computer skills	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$40,000-\$99,000 (<u>Payscale</u>) Avg \$64,216	
System Data Analyst	Basic Employability Skills sit for extended periods use analysis software math skills generate reports computer skills technical terms knowledge	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$55,000-\$142,000 (BLS) Median - \$90,920	
Communications, E	ducation, Advocacy	Jobs		
My Future Job	Skills Needed	Training & College	Wage / Salary	
Stormwater Outreach and Communications	Basic Employability Skills collaboration public speaking community understanding flexibility event planning	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$33,000-\$68,000 (<u>Glassdoor</u>) Avg \$47,993	

Social Marketing	Basic Employability Skills word processing social media knowledge plan and execute product development track competitors	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$70,000-\$180,000 (BLS) Avg \$136,850
Graphic Design	Basic Employability Skills common software creativity respond to inquiries follow instructions seek critiques create & follow timeline	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$30,000-\$90,000 (BLS) Median - \$52,110
Photographer	Basic Employability Skills photo development respond to inquiries stand for extended periods lift 15+ lbs editing software	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$20,000-\$75,000 (BLS) Median - \$36,280
Videographer	Basic Employability Skills respond to inquiries stand for extended periods lift 15+ lbs editing software	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$30,000-\$170,000 (BLS) Median - \$63,780
Journalist / Environmental Writer	Basic Employability Skills word processing curiosity investigation communication networking	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU	\$25,000-\$120,000 (<u>BLS</u>) Avg \$48,280
Advocate	Basic Employability Skills word processing outreach public speaking marketing skills	Salmon Safe Tilth Alliance WSU Master Gardeners	\$31,000-\$60,000 (glassdoor) Avg \$40,155

Legal Jobs			
Environmental Lawyer Job Profile	Basic Employability Skills current environmental law & policy networking word processing	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU, SPU	\$59,000-\$186,000 (BLS all Lawyers) Avg \$145,300
Environmental Policy Maker	Basic Employability Skills current environmental law & policy networking word processing	Bachelors or Masters College and University Listing UW, WWU, WSU, SPU	\$41,000-\$80,800 (<u>Payscale</u>) Avg \$57,557