

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Department of Crop Sciences
Extension Specialist, Pesticide Safety Education – Entomology

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PRIMARY FUNCTION

Work as part of an interdisciplinary team to prepare educational materials and conduct training clinics to support the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) for state licensing requirements.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct training clinics to support the pesticide safety education program for state licensing requirements for both private and commercial applicators.
- Provide leadership regarding identification and pest management of insect pests.
- Develop educational programs and materials focused on the integrated pest management of ornamental horticultural insects in formats including group-based live teaching, web-based individualized learning, as well as training manuals, workbooks, and news articles.
- Develop expertise in various areas of pesticide safety education.
- Develop educational programming in the area of insect pests and their management.
- Interact with state and federal regulatory personnel as needed.
- Opportunities to teach university courses and conduct applied research exist.
- Overnight travel is required during the PSEP training season.

EDUCATION

Required: Bachelor's degree in Entomology or related field.

Preferred: Master's degree in Entomology or related field

EXPERIENCE

Required: One year of experience in public speaking, writing, and development of educational materials.

Preferred: Experience with insect identification and pesticide application

TRAINING/CERIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Pesticide Applicator License is desirable but not required.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge of plant pests and their control using pesticides, and a working knowledge of pesticides and their proper use.

APPOINTMENT STATUS

This is a 12-month, 100% academic professional position.

SALARY

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience

PROPOSED STARTING DATE

This position is available as soon as possible after the closing date. Application materials may be reviewed prior to the close date and will continue until the most qualified candidate is identified.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please create your candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload a cover letter indicating your qualifications, resume and contact information for three references by August 1, 2017. **All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. Individuals with diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.**

For further information regarding application procedures, you may contact Linda Kemplin, kemplin@illinois.edu. You may also visit <http://cropsci.illinois.edu> for additional information.

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