

Nursery Manager

Description

Nursery managers are responsible for the daily operations involved with running a greenhouse or nursery. Depending upon the structure of the business, you may work with the public or in a business-to-business arrangement. Greenhouses can be used for commercial plant purposes or in food production. Managers must be knowledgeable about the stages of plant life and diseases that may occur.

Education/Training Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Horticulture (preferred)
- Associate's degree (sometimes accepted)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Mathematics
- Sciences (Biology, Botany, Horticulture)

Common Responsibilities

- Oversee inventory of plants
- Plan species to be planted according to time of year
- Maintain breeding records
- Harvest plants or their fruits
- Forecast demand to determine plant populations
- Provide supervision over greenhouse workers
- Be knowledgeable about the stages and diseases of plant life

Typical Employers

Nursery managers can work with a variety of plants including bedding plants, hydroponics, seeds, shrubs or fresh flowers. Greenhouses could be owned by an independent owner or by a larger company.

Additional Resources

[Ag Careers-Greenhouse Manager Profile](#)
[Association of Education and Research Greenhouse Curators](#)
[Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association](#)