

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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Basic Qualifications for the Soil Conservationist Job Series:

A. The applicant must have a 4-year degree or higher in soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education, or agricultural engineering. The study included at least 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science. Of the 12 semester hours, a minimum of 3 semester hours have been in soils and 3 semester hours in crops or plant science. Partial credit for courses cannot be given.

OR

B. The applicant must have a combination of education and experience with at least 30 semester hours in one or more disciplines as shown in A above, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science, plus appropriate experience or additional education. Of the 12 semester hours, a minimum of 3 semester hours must have been in soils and 3 semester hours in crops or plant science.

Note: a Masters degree or 36 semester hours of progressively higher graduate education leading to a Masters degree from an accredited college or university in soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education, or agricultural engineering is qualifying for the GS-09.

ALL applicants must submit a copy of college transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable). Please submit course catalog descriptions for those courses that may not be clearly identified as soil, crop or plant science. If a determination cannot be made without additional information as to whether a course is creditable or not, then a determination will be made that it is NOT creditable for the soil conservation series.

Specialized Experience: In addition to the above basic requirement, you must also possess 1 year of specialized experience which is equivalent to the next lower grade level of the position applying for.

For GS-09 - One or more years of experience comparable to the GS-7 level or higher, performing most of the following duties under the guidance of a senior soil conservationist: developing portions of conservation plans or whole plans of a routine nature; assisting in the gathering of crop history, soil erosion data, drainage characteristics, land use data, and other resource information and planning map preparation; assisting in the evaluation of onsite urban, rural, or wetland conservation needs and application of land treatment measures including the installation of erosion and water control practices.

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the above requirements if you can show that the foreign education is comparable to that received in an accredited educational institution in the United States. It is your responsibility to provide such evidence when applying. The processing of this vacancy announcement will not be delayed pending receipt of your evaluation materials.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT: To perform the duties of this position, the incumbent must serve as an incidental motor vehicle operator. This will require the operation of a motor vehicle on both public and private roads during daylight hours and occasionally after dark. A valid state driver's license is required and must be maintained.