



Nursery Technician – Hazelhurst, Mississippi

Plum Creek is the largest private land owner in the United States with approximately 7 million acres in 19 states. We operate some of the most productive nursery systems in the South, producing seedlings for both internal and external sales. Our network of five nurseries across the country serves industry, state and local landowners with premium pine and some hardwood seedlings, primarily used for reforestation purposes.

We have an exciting opportunity for a **Nursery Technician** at the **Pearl River Nursery**—a state-of-the-art facility located 20 miles east of **Hazelhurst, Mississippi**. This is a small town of approximately 5,000 people nestled in Copiah County in southwest Mississippi. Nearby towns include Wesson and Crystal Springs. Points of interest include historic Jackson, Vicksburg and Natchez, and the Gulf Coast is only a few hours away. In this position, you will work on a team of seven employees at the Pearl River Nursery, and two **Nursery Technicians** at the River Bend Nursery. The Nursery Technician at both nurseries report directly to the Pearl River Nursery Supervisor.

As a **Nursery Technician** you will support the production of 55 million containerized southern pine seedlings annually and have the opportunity to develop your skills in planting, irrigation, fertilizer/chemical application and harvesting. This is your chance to develop the full spectrum of experience in each season. In the spring, your focus will be preparation and planting. In the summer, you will shift your efforts to growing, fertilizing and irrigation. In the winter, you will be involved in the development and harvest of our seedling crop. To ensure a well-rounded understanding, you will learn how to maintain the necessary equipment and buildings.

Plum Creek's loblolly and slash pine seedlings are positioned to be some of the highest quality in the industry and are distributed across five states in the Southeast including GA, FL, AL, SC, and MS. Our efforts are focused on high quality seedlings with good survivability and growth characteristics.

Education & Experience

- High School diploma or GED is required
- A two-year technical degree, or related experience, is preferred

Other Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid driver's license
- Considerable bending, walking, stooping, and the ability to work in hot-cold conditions, as well as a lifting capacity of 75+ pounds
- Ability to handle heavy workload; available to work long days as needed and considerable overtime during peak production seasons

Preferred Skills

- Experience managing irrigation systems and plant production is highly preferred.
- The ability to operate forklifts, tractors, spray-rigs and four-wheelers in a safe/productive manner.
- Familiarity with farm equipment and a working knowledge in carpentry, electrical and mechanical.
- Knowledge of maintenance, calibration, and operation of related equipment, including: fertilizer and pesticide applicators, specialized nursery equipment, heavy equipment, and refrigeration units.
- Innovative, motivated and demonstrated attention to detail.
- Demonstrated trouble shooting and multi-tasking skills.

Total Rewards

Plum Creek wants to attract the best people - the team who drives our business success. We offer competitive compensation and discretionary bonuses. Plum Creek offers a comprehensive range of benefits including Health care coverage, Health and Dependent Daycare Accounts, Life and Disability protection, Saving and Retirement benefits, Vacation and Holiday Pay, Family and Self Care Leave, tuition assistance for higher education and more.

Plum Creek has a collaborative, execution oriented culture focused on delivery. Plum Creek values strong communication, interpersonal and leadership skills in addition to strong technical skills. We look for motivated people interested in identifying and championing new ideas and solutions that add value. We strive to have a good balance between career and personal life. Plum Creek's size and diversity creates interesting and unique career opportunities for our team.

Salary: \$31,300 - \$43,000

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