

Andrew Altishin

Experience

Seed Certification Specialist, Oregon Seed Certification Service, Corvallis, Oregon

2013 – Present

- Responsible for Certified field inspections in 8 counties throughout the state.
- Maintain contact with 185 growers about their field status and any concerns that may arise.
- Complete more than 1,000 crop inspections and over 300 seedling inspections yearly and in a timely manner.
- Review applications and complete all field inspections as the Program Coordinator for the Sunflower Field Program.
- Verify proper equipment, procedures, and record keeping as the Coordinator for the Approved Warehouse Program and the Automatic Sampler Check Program.
- Organize meetings and prepare the minutes as the Secretary for the Cereals Advisory Committee.
- Researched, proposed, authored, and co-authored several standards for national review as a member of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies.
- Promoted Oregon Seed Certification through multiple industry presentations, seminars, and field visits.
- Collaborated with our IT staff to increase efficiency in mapping and planning procedures for aerial crop inspections.

Assistant Superintendent, Mallard Creek Golf Course, Lebanon, Oregon

2006-2013

- Managed up to ten employees.
- Assigned and supervised all daily tasks.
- Trained new employees and provided support when needed.
- Assisted with preparing and maintaining the operations budget.
- Performed inspections of the grounds and adjusted employees tasks accordingly.
- Budgeted and completed numerous capital improvement projects.
- Participated in the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association annual membership meetings.

Golf Course Maintenance, Corvallis Country Club, Corvallis, Oregon

2005-2006

- Focused on the cultural practices of golf course maintenance.
- Worked with the Superintendent on management and budget decisions.
- Worked with ten team members to create optimal conditions within a fixed budget.

Child and Adolescent Treatment Specialist, Trillium Family Services, Corvallis, Oregon

2001-2005

- Observed and monitored client behavior and responses to treatment.
- Documented psychiatric services and responses to treatment in patient case files.
- Displayed sensitivity to the cultural, linguistic, and disabled needs of the clients and the families served.
- Trained in conflict resolution and de-escalation tactics.

Farm Laborer and Equipment Operator, Reynolds Farms, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon

2000-2001

- Operated seed cleaning warehouse.
- Certified field maintenance work (spot spraying, roguing, flagging, etc.).
- Operated heavy machinery in field and warehouse settings.
- Oversaw irrigation rotation of mint and row crops.

Education

Masters of Science, Crop Science, Oregon State University

Expected graduation date - 2018

- Coursework in plant breeding, plant genetics, seed biology, seed production, herbicide science, weed management and experimental design in agriculture.
- Thesis - "Effects of Weed Contaminants in Oregon Certified Tall Fescue Seed Lots"

Bachelor of Science, Horticulture, Oregon State University

Graduated in 2006

- Emphasis on turf management included courses in plant nutrition, plant pathology, soil science, turf fertility, insect pest management, financial accounting, and managerial accounting.