University of Florida is seeking an Extension Agent I to work in Homestead, FL. The successful candidate will be expected to lead educational programs addressing the needs of ornamental nursery growers and their employees. He/she will develop, teach, implement, evaluate, and promote sound educational programs in English and Spanish to help growers more effectively interpret and use science and technology applications in their operations. The successful agent will use a variety of methods and venues to teach Best Management Practices for water, fertilizer, and pests (Integrated Pest Management and state pesticide application laws); labor laws (relations, shortage, and productivity); business (management, marketing, state and county permits and licenses, crop insurance, and risk management); production (nutritional deficiencies, soil management, cold damage prevention and inspection, etc.) and other related topics. All county extension faculty must develop and utilize advisory committees to provide input for program planning. The agent must develop effective working relationships with local representatives of the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association, other producer groups, advisory committees, community leaders, media, related agencies, and the general public. The successful candidate will work with other county extension faculty in the South District plus specialists located at Research and Education Centers in Central and South Florida and at the main UF campus in Gainesville. Computer literacy plus effective oral and written communications are required as well as effective people skills fostering teamwork. This position requires a Bachelor’s Degree in Plant/Horticulture Science, Plant Pathology or Soil and Water Science (foreign equivalent acceptable).

To apply, please go online to https://jobs.ufl.edu (search for requisition # 495476) and submit:
- Application
- Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
- Résumé
- Contact information (including email addresses) for 3 individuals willing to write letters of recommendation

Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at http://www.naces.org/.

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