



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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Duties

USDA employs many engineers with specialized skills in erosion control, water management, structural design, construction, hydraulics, soil mechanics, and environmental protection. We also employ those with general engineering skills. Your job assignments may include restoring streams, controlling erosion, developing water systems for livestock, improving and conserving irrigation water, or restoring wetlands. As an engineer, you will help solve a host of natural resource problems and may also become involved in helping communities recover from natural disasters.

Qualifications

A four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree or a bachelor's degree in engineering from an accredited college or university.

To be acceptable, the program must: (1) lead to a bachelor's degree in a school of engineering with at least one program accredited by ABET; or (2) include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas of engineering science or physics: (a) statics, dynamics; (b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships); (c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics; (d) thermodynamics; (e) electrical fields and circuits; (f) nature and properties of materials (relating particle and aggregate structure to properties); and (g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics. Specialties include agricultural, environmental and civil engineering.

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