Bemidji State University invites applications for the position of:

**Plumber**

**AFSCME POSTING**

**CLASSIFICATION:** Plumber (PCN 00139990)

**OPENING DATE:** June 1, 2021

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Initial review of applications will begin on **Wednesday, June 30th** so applications should be submitted by that time for guaranteed consideration.

**APPOINTMENT DATE:** July 6, 2021 or as soon as possible

**JOB TYPE / SCHEDULE:** Unlimited Full-time; Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**PAY / SALARY RANGE:** Depends on Qualifications; current pay range is $26.95 - $31.19 per hour

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU)** invites applicants to join our team as the **Plumber**. The Plumber performs regular and preventive maintenance and repairs on all plumbing and drainage systems, plumbing fixtures, sanitary sewers and plumbing accessories in compliance with all state and local plumbing codes and the Minnesota State Board of Health.

An offer of employment will be contingent upon a successful criminal background check conducted through the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a driving history background check.

**Responsibilities of the Plumber include:**

- Servicing, repairing, maintaining, and doing preventive maintenance on all plumbing systems and fixtures: servicing and repairing fixtures and plumbing systems, as required, for daily use; installing new or altering existing plumbing and fixtures when remodeling is being done; installing, repairing and maintaining water softening equipment; maintaining complete inventory of repair parts; and ensuring all work is done in compliance with the State Plumbing Code. **Percent of Time: 60%**

- Servicing, maintaining, repairing and doing preventive maintenance on sanitary and storm drains: keeping sanitary sewer lift pumps in working order; rodding and cleaning drain piping when needed and on a periodic basis; installing new and old piping and fixtures when needed; cleaning all grease, sand and paint traps; keeping sewer cleaning equipment clean and in working order; and maintaining all sewer cleaning equipment. **Percent of Time: 20%**

- Installing, repairing, testing and maintaining back-flow preventers and making repairs and assisting with the operation of the campus irrigation system: installing back-flow preventer devices in compliance with state and local plumbing codes; repairing and testing back-flow preventer devices; maintaining inspection and test records; ensuring the test kit is kept in operating condition; maintaining complete replacement parts inventory; assisting the Chief Engineer and Building Maintenance Supervisor with remodeling and design plans for campus irrigation systems, as required; installing new piping when irrigation system is remodeled; repairing leaking and broken pipes; and ensuring that main valves are in good repair. **Percent of Time: 10%**
- Keeping plumbing tools, shop and shop area clean and in good condition, and helping with duties in other areas during normal and emergency hours when additional help is required for the maintenance department so that any undue hardship for students, staff and faculty may be avoided: informing the supervisor when tools are unsafe and need replacing; repairing sewer cleaners and having spare parts on hand; keeping work areas clean to assist in maintaining a safe work environment; maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing equipment so that peak efficiency can be maintained; assisting in minor and major equipment repair with minimum of downtime; assisting with emergency snow removal; and accepting all duties and assignments willingly. **Percent of time: 10%**

**Minimum qualifications for this position include:**
- Currently registered with the Minnesota State Board of Health as a journeyman plumber and the ability to maintain certification.
- Skilled in the use of all plumbing tools, soldering, sheet metal, sewer cleaners, steam fitting and should have basic engineering skills, and the ability to use these skills in solving problems, being creative, making repairs and in maintaining equipment in a safe operating condition.
- A current valid Driver’s License.

**Preferred qualifications include:**
- Ability to read and work from blueprints, sketches and oral instructions.
- Considerable knowledge of the standard practices, materials, machines, and tools of the plumbing trade and of the Minnesota State Plumbing Code and Minnesota State Board of Health standards.
- Knowledgeable of OSHA rules and regulations pertaining to this position.
- Willingness to complete training to be qualified to install and conduct testing of back-flow preventer devices, if needed.
- A knowledge of, an interest in, or ability and experience working with diverse cultures and populations.

**To facilitate proper crediting, please ensure that your application and/or resume clearly demonstrate fulfillment of the qualifications.**

**Other considerations:**
- All applicants must be able to lawfully accept employment in the United States at the time of an offer of employment.
- Official transcript(s) must be provided to Human Resources upon hire.
- Employment for this position is covered by the collective bargaining agreement for the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) bargaining unit, which can be found at: https://mn.gov/mmb/employee-relations/labor-relations/labor/afscme.jsp.
  - Salary is commensurate with education and experience; the current salary range for this position is $26.95 - $31.19 per hour.
- In accordance with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MinnState) Vehicle Fleet Safety Program, faculty and staff driving on college/university business, who use a rental or state vehicle, shall be required to complete a vehicle Use Agreement form and conform to MinnState's vehicle use criteria and consent to a motor vehicle records check annually.
- BSU and NTC are tobacco free workplaces (see policy).

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**
- **More than 20% of the time:** Atmospheric conditions, wet/humidity
- **Less than 20% of the time:** Electric shock, exposure to weather, moving mechanical parts, noise, radiant energy, toxic or caustic chemicals, vibration.
PHYSICAL FACTORS:

**Frequent:** Carrying, climbing, crouching, firm grasp, kneeling, lifting above shoulder, lifting above waist to chest, lifting below waist, pulling, pushing, reaching, repetitive arm motion, repetitive foot motion, simple grasp, squatting, standing, stooping, twisting/pivoting, walking, sense of touch, talking, tasting/smelling

**Occasional:** Balancing, crawling, fine manipulating, reclining, sitting, hearing

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**TO APPLY:**


If you are unable to apply online, please contact the job information line at 651.259.3637.

For additional information about the application process, go to [http://www.mn.gov/careers](http://www.mn.gov/careers).

**Inquiries about the position:**

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If you have general questions about this posting or submitting a bid or an application, contact Teresa Hanson at [teresa.hanson@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:teresa.hanson@bemidjistate.edu).

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All employees must comply with department and institution procedures and policies, MinnState policies and procedures, as well as local, state, and federal laws, regulations, guidelines and business and industry standards.

*This description is intended to indicate the kinds of tasks and level of work difficulty required of the position. It is not intended to limit or modify the right of any supervisor to assign, direct and control the work of employees under his/her supervision. The use of a particular expression or illustration describing duties shall not be held to exclude other duties not mentioned that are of similar level of difficulty.*

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**UNIVERSITY / COMMUNITY**

**WHY BEMIDJI:**

Bemidji State University is nestled among the pines along the shores of Lake Bemidji, just blocks from a thriving downtown community. In this Northwoods setting, students, staff, and faculty have a variety of activities at their fingertips. Possessing all the charm and character of a college town, Bemidji remains a tight-knit community of good neighbors and engaged citizens who always come out to cheer for the Bemidji State Beavers. While the city of Bemidji — named after the Ojibwe Chief Shaynowishkung (nicknamed Bemidji) — is home to a diverse population of more than 15,000 people, it serves a regional population of more than 100,000.

Located between three American Indian reservations – Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth, students at Bemidji State University have the opportunity to experience a dynamic local culture and history. Bemidji also sits at the center of the legends of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. The famous statues of Paul and Babe greet students as they drive in from the south along Lake Bemidji.

Though quaint and historic, the city offers the urban conveniences upon which college students rely. Bemidji State is conveniently located minutes away from affordable restaurants, cozy coffee shops, grocery stores, city...
parks and more. Small, locally owned shops and art sculptures line the streets of downtown Bemidji, while national chains can be found in and around the Bemidji area, including an uptown selection of department stores and restaurants.

The thriving downtown community presents ample opportunities for engagement off-campus. Among other things, there are fine-dining restaurants, cafes, and a natural foods co-op in downtown Bemidji. The historic Paul Bunyan Playhouse has a calendar of classic shows; restaurants and lounges offer weekly live music performances; the First Friday Art Walk provides a tour of new monthly art exhibits; and annual events such as the Loop the Lake Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Blue Ox Marathon, Bemidji Winterfest, and The Minnesota Finlandia bring the community together.

For those who love the outdoors, there are wooded, multi-use trail systems within minutes of campus and community parks with walking trails, playgrounds and a skate park. Lake Bemidji State Park and its miles of navigable trails is located directly across the lake from BSU, and the Buena Vista Ski Area — just 12 miles north of campus — offers downhill skiing and BSU-sponsored student transportation in the winter months. Further, the Mississippi River Headwaters is a mere 45 minutes from Bemidji.

For further information, visit our website at: http://www.bemidjistate.edu

Review a "special report on how this former lumber town has rebuilt itself as a high-speed, regional center of enterprise" at Bemidji 2.0

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