

Agricultural Education Instructor – FFA Advisor

Career Overview

Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisors develop programs, curriculum and activities related to agriculture for youth, young adults and graduates. They must be knowledgeable about agribusiness and agricultural production practices as well as understand how to teach. As the agricultural field changes constantly, so must the agriculture educator. They must continually attend workshops, field days and training sessions to stay current with changes in agriculture.

Salary/Earnings

\$47590 Annual Average (Unlike traditional educators the agricultural education instructor works a twelve month schedule rather than a nine month schedule)

Career Outlook

There is a steady growth projected in the field of agricultural education.

Career Locations (Local)

- Aiken High School
- Aiken County Career & Technology Center
- Midland Valley High School
- Ridge Spring Monetta High School
- Wagner Salley High School

Education Requirements

A career as an agricultural education instructor – FFA advisor requires students to complete high school. The student must then receive a Bachelor of Science Degree from an accredited University in Agricultural Education. This can be achieved by the student enrolling directly into the four year university or by them enrolling first into a two year college and transferring into the university to complete their degree. In South Carolina Clemson University is the only available option for a degree in agricultural education. Most agricultural education instructors also pursue a higher degree during their time as an instructor.

Career Pathway

Step 1: Complete high school with all needed requirements to enter into college.

- English — 4 credits
- Mathematics — 3 credits
- Laboratory Science — 3 credits
- Foreign Language — 3 credits
- Social Sciences — 3 credits

- Other — 2 credits
- Physical Education/ROTC — 1 credit
- Fine Arts – 1 credit

Step 2: Complete the SAT or ACT

Step 3: Enroll into the school of your choice

Step 4: Maintain needed grades to complete your Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education

Step 5: Apply for a job as an Agricultural Education Instructor