



University Extension
Professional Studies

MAKE GREEN YOUR THING

Professional Certificate in Turfgrass Management



Are you currently working in golf course, athletic field or lawn care maintenance and want to take your career to the next level? Learn to apply efficient and environmentally sensitive management practices and skills for maintaining the proverbial field of dreams. Gain awareness in the latest trends in sustainability in order to make informed decisions on how to best utilize available resources. As a trained turfgrass manager, you'll be viewed as the most valuable player on the field.

Coursework is designed to bring the latest scientific and environmental research to further the career of both the seasoned veteran and entry-level manager. Learn to identify different turf species, get an in-depth look into modern irrigation systems, and understand the chemistry behind soil's makeup and how to incorporate an effective pest control plan. As an added benefit, receive specialized continuing education credit through the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for select courses. Advance your knowledge and capitalize on the opportunity to learn from knowledgeable and highly-regarded instructors who are experts in their respective fields.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Efficient and environmentally sensitive management practices for turfgrass facilities

Scientific aspects of turfgrass management

Physical and biological principles of plant processes

How to identify different turf species

Technical skills related to the design, maintenance and management of irrigation systems



TOTAL UNITS
24



TUITION
\$5,400



COMPLETION TIME
12-18 months



FORMAT
Online



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BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why, Bachelor's degree in hand, you might be considering continuing your studies. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new career, or, if you're already working, lead to a promotion and a higher salary. While you're working, going back to school is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing fields, or, if you've been away from the workforce for a while, to quickly get caught up in the latest trends, concepts, and advances.

While there are as many paths to follow, as there are reasons to follow them when approaching continuing education, there is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond the theory of the classroom and into the real world.

KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of courses and programs
- Instruction from professional leaders in the industry

PAY AS YOU GO



Pay per individual course as you register.

COURSE TUITION RANGE

ALL 3 UNIT COURSES ARE \$675

*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

CAREER INFORMATION



IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 3% over the next 5 years.



STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$48,735**



VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Field Manager
- Golf Course Superintendent
- Grounds Crew Supervisor
- Grounds Maintenance Specialist
- Landscape Manager



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Controlling Machines and Processes
- Performing General Physical Activities
- Problem Solving



REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.

- Operate grounds maintenance equipment
- Irrigate lawns, trees or plants
- Drive trucks or other vehicles to or at work sites
- Treat greenery or surfaces with protective substances
- Evaluate reports or designs to determine work needs

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STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Foundations of Turfgrass Management PLS X415	3
	Turfgrass Irrigation and Drainage PLS X420	3
2	Turfgrass Species and Applications PLS X116	3
	Turfgrass Pests PLS X421	3
3	Principles of Plant Growth PLS X115	3
	Pesticide Use on Turfgrass and Ornamental Plants PLS X421.5	3
4	Management Skills for Turfgrass and Landscape Managers PLS X417	3
	Soil Fertility and Fertilizers PLS X422	3

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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