Professional Golf Turf Management School

THREE-WEEK PREPARATORY COURSE

January 13 - 31, 2020

Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
Office of Continuing Professional Education and Center for Turfgrass Science
Who Should Attend?

Career starters looking to learn the basics and jump-start an exciting new profession in the turfgrass management industry.

Owners and general managers whose goal is to better communicate and coordinate with their grounds management teams.

Industry sales representatives working to better understand the wants, needs, and terminology of their clients.

Greenskeepers who need formal education to advance their careers.

About Us

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School is a world-class learning center that has trained thousands of successful greenskeepers in the art and science of golf course and sports field management.

The #RUTurf team of instructors includes both distinguished faculty and acclaimed industry professionals, including superintendents. Designed to minimize your time away from work and home, the intensive curriculum of this condensed three-week program consists of classroom lectures and hands-on field training.

Our alumni lead the industry and work at top golf courses and facilities around the world. We hope to help build your career in the same way!
Why Rutgers?

**CAREER ADVANCEMENT:** Our students lead the industry and work at top golf courses, sports fields, and other highly-maintained properties around the world. Add this widely respected credential to your resume to grow your career.

**PRACTICAL CONTENT:** Learn how to better manage challenges at your facility, improve its aesthetics, and increase your value as a turf manager. Hands-on soil tests, irrigation pipe fitting demonstrations, and plant identification walks will help you understand the technical concepts covered in class.

**LEARN FROM THE BEST:** Receive personalized attention from distinguished Rutgers professors, established superintendents, expert plant diagnostic specialists, industry-leading irrigation contractors, and prominent turf consultants.

**CONVENIENCE:** Minimize your time away from work and home with the intensive curriculum of this condensed three-week program.

**NETWORKING:** The #RUTurf network of professors, instructors, alumni, and students is an advantageous community that can provide job referrals and technical advice throughout your career.

“Coming to Rutgers 3-Week Turf Course was a real eye opener. There are so many things I’m going to take away and apply immediately. The more I know, the more excited and confident I am. The program was a really good way to get a broad spectrum of information about turf science and golf course management.”

Matthew Ranum, Class of 2019
The Hole Nine Yards, New York
Program Details

DATES AND SCHEDULE
January 13 to 31, 2020
Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

LOCATION
Classes will be held at Rutgers University, George H. Cook Campus in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

TUITION
$1,995 per person when you register on or before December 14, 2019; $2,245 after December 14, 2019.

REGISTRATION
There are no prerequisites to attend this course and there is no application process. Simply register, pay, and start learning.

FINANCIAL AID
Our turf program qualifies for student loans that can cover the full cost of tuition and living expenses, including travel, lodging, and books. Lifetime learning tax credits and veterans benefits may also be available to you. Scholarships are another great way to offset tuition costs.

STUDENT HOUSING
You are responsible for making your own housing and transportation arrangements. Housing costs are not included in your tuition and classes are held in multiple on-campus locations where public transportation is not available. Shuttle services and discounted rates are available from select hotels. For Housing Details: www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/housing

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
Rutgers Global provides immigration services and advising to help international students maintain legal status while attending Rutgers. Contact Carissa McCarthy at carissam@global.rutgers.edu. For Visa Details: global.rutgers.edu/international-scholars-students
Curriculum

Learn the essentials of turfgrass management with the intensive curriculum of our condensed three-week class. You will learn concepts in the classroom and participate in hands-on soil tests, irrigation pipe fitting demonstrations, and plant identification walks.

- Applications of Plant and Landscape Science
- Basics of Agronomy
- Basics of Golf Course Construction
- Introduction to Irrigation Principles
- Introduction to Soil Fertility
- Introduction to Turfgrass Diseases
- Machinery Maintenance
- Managing Employees
- Managing Turfgrass Insects
- Managing Turfgrass Weeds
- Mowing Heights
- Pond Management
- Turfgrass Establishment
- Turfgrass Maintenance Practices
- Turfgrass Morphology
- Turfgrass Renovation Strategies
- Turfgrass Species Comparison

FOR CURRICULUM DETAILS:
http://golfturf.rutgers.edu/
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CONFRONT STAFFING CHALLENGES
An educated staff is crucial to the success of any facility, but it is increasingly difficult to hire and retain a strong maintenance crew. One way to overcome this challenge is to “home grow” your team.

Encourage your employees to learn the science behind successful turfgrass management at the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School and steer them toward turning their seasonal job into a life-long career.

TUITION SERVICE AGREEMENTS
Many golf courses offer employees tuition assistance and outline a contractual agreement to ensure those students put their new knowledge to use at their home golf course. Pay their way and get them to stay. For example, Jason Busch, the Superintendent of The Powder Horn Club in Sheridan, Wyoming, recognizes the value of investing in your greens team.

“Our Assistant Superintendent, Jory Horsley, and I were both fortunate enough to have our club pay a significant portion of our expenses at Rutgers,” he said. “This relatively small investment in our education has had a huge return on investment to the club as a result of our increased knowledge, and more importantly, the network that we were able to build while in New Jersey.”

INVEST IN EDUCATION
Your golf course will look and play better with well-trained, highly-skilled turf professionals on your team. Invest in employee education and “home grow” a stronger, better grounds crew this season.
Register Today!

There is no application process or pre-requisites to attend. Simply register and start learning!

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(We accept certified checks made payable to Rutgers, The State University of NJ, money orders, or purchase orders. Register online to pay by credit card.)

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A career changer from the pharmaceutical industry, John Ahern attended Rutgers 3-Week Turf Course to learn the basics. “It was really practical, hands-on, and beyond what I thought.”

Hired by a Rutgers 2-Year Certificate alumni, John began his first season on the grounds crew at Greenbriar. “The class gave me a much better perspective of what to expect going in and definitely helped me get a foot in the door.”

**John Ahern, Class of 2019**  
**Greenbriar Oceanaire Golf Club, NJ**
Our team is here to help with choosing which program is best for you, securing a visa to enter the US, arranging housing, financial aid issues, and anything else you may need. We would love to hear from you and are happy to discuss your opportunities here at Rutgers.

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