Professional Golf Turf Management School

THREE-WEEK PREPARATORY COURSE

NOW ONLINE!
January 11 - 29, 2021

For safety and health reasons, the 2021 session of our 3-Week Preparatory Course will be conducted online. A great opportunity to save on travel and housing costs, this online program will provide the exceptional education that the greens industry has come to expect from Rutgers University.
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.

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!

Hands-on class in the machine shop with Joe Clark

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.
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.

**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:** The intensive curriculum of this condensed three-week program is designed to give you the most amount of content in the least amount of time.

**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.

“My experience with the Rutgers Three-Week Preparatory Course completely exceeded expectations. I was able to immediately implement some of the things I learned while in class at my own club. With this course, I was able to take away not only a lot of knowledge about turf, but also many professional connections that I will have for life.”

Nate Seawell, Class of 2020
NorthStar Golf Club, Ohio
For safety and health reasons, the 2021 session of The Rutgers 3-Week Preparatory Course will be conducted ONLINE. To allow for a flexible schedule, the program will combine the following types of classes:

- Live classes that require student participation (eg. public speaking presentations). Students must be present during these live sessions.
- Live classes that encourage students to engage with instructors and each other. These classes will be recorded and available for the students who are unable to attend.
- Prerecorded lectures that you can view at your own pace.

**DATES AND SCHEDULE**
January 11 to 29, 2021 | Monday through Friday | 11:00am to 5:00pm EST

**TUITION**
$1,995 per person

**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. Lifetime learning tax credits may be available to you. Scholarships are another great way to offset tuition costs.

Also, many students take advantage of employer assisted tuition programs. Because these arrangements are mutually beneficial, tuition service agreements are becoming more commonplace.
Curriculum

Learn the essentials of turfgrass management with the intensive curriculum of our condensed three-week class.

- 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

The curriculum is the same as the on-campus course with as minimal change as possible.

FOR CURRICULUM DETAILS:
http://golfturf.rutgers.edu/3week-curriculum
Confront Staffing Challenges
One way to overcome the challenge of hiring and retaining a strong maintenance crew is to “home grow” your team. Encourage your current 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. Investing in your staff will show your support for their continued growth under your leadership.

**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/facility. The more your staff knows, the easier your job will be, and the better your property will look and play. So support employee education and “home grow” a stronger, better grounds crew this season.

Interested in More In-Depth Learning?
Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School also offers a 2-Year Certificate Program, which consists of two 10-week sessions sandwiched around a field experience working internship. This is an efficient and affordable way to earn a respected industry credential and grow your career.  
**For 2-Year Certificate Details:** [www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/2Year](http://www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/2Year)

Another option is to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Plant Biology with a concentration of Turfgrass Management from Rutgers University.  
**For Degree Details:** [www.turf.rutgers.edu/education/undergraduate.html](http://www.turf.rutgers.edu/education/undergraduate.html)
Register Today!

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

**Online:**
Visit [www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/3weekregister](http://www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/3weekregister)

**By Phone:**
Call 848.932.9271 option 2

**By Mail/Fax:**
Print [www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/3weekregistrationform](http://www.golfturf.rutgers.edu/3weekregistrationform)
Fax to 732.932.8726 (with a copy of payment method)
Mail to 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

(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.)

“The Rutgers 3-Week Turf Course is an eye-opening experience into the many facets of managing a golf course. Between the material, networking with classmates, and professors, who were more than willing to help your career well beyond just your education, I became more excited to start my career in this field.

This course is a must for anyone interested in pursuing a career in turf management.”

Alexander Werger, Class of 2020
Fox Chapel Golf Club, Pennsylvania
We Are Here To Help!

Our team is here every step of the way. Feel free to call or email Fran at any time for help with choosing which program is best for you, the application process, arranging housing, payment/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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