Professional Golf Turf Management School

Two-Year Certificate Program

Fall Session
September 30 - December 11, 2009

Winter Session
January 6 - March 19, 2010

Pasatiempo Golf Club, CA
Paul Chojnacky, 2003 Graduate

Presented by the NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education together with the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science
About Our Roots

The success of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School, now in its 49th year, is due in large measure to the values and visions of our program’s creator, Dr. Ralph Engel. Engel’s purpose was clear, “Provide a creative learning environment where golf course employees could build their skill level and knowledge base regarding the ever changing science of golf turf management.” Equally clear were Ralph’s values when dealing with his certificate students - mentoring first, encouragement second, and massive exposure to the finest educators in golf turf science that he could locate. Forty-eight years later we continue to honor Dr. Engel’s dream of creating a world-renowned learning center for golf course employees pursuing additional certification. Thousands have visited our campus since 1961 and hundreds are currently superintendents at many of the most highly regarded courses across the United States and around the world. We welcome you to come to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and experience the very best we have to offer.

Why Choose Rutgers University?

Meeting Your Learning Needs

• Our program has been designed exclusively for golf turf management professionals throughout North America, Europe and beyond.

• We have developed a partnership with SallieMae to assist with your educational loan needs.

• We offer many scholarships exclusively for first year students. Returning students have even greater access to other available scholarships.

• We guarantee your tuition rate will be fixed for each year of your two-year program.

• We offer the technical and managerial information you need to succeed as well as a university credential that is highly respected throughout the industry and around the world.

• Since our first graduating class in 1962, over 2,000 golf turf professionals have graduated from our certificate program. Hundreds have advanced in their fields to become recognized superintendents in all 50 states and 11 countries or have become leaders in related turfgrass careers worldwide.

• Our program consists of two convenient 10-week sessions over two years and a 200-hour internship of supervised field experience. In our intensive academic format, you will concentrate on the technical knowledge required of superintendents, apply the skills presented in the classroom to field situations, and develop essential qualities of leadership that all successful managers should master.

• While on campus you will meet and work collaboratively with students from some of the world’s finest golf courses and will be educated by a highly talented and dedicated community of faculty and industry professionals.

• Program classrooms are located in the Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center, located adjacent to our turfgrass research complex; at the Holly House, nestled within a world-renowned collection of American hollies in the Rutgers Display Gardens; and in our Campus Center, central to life at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University.

• Students in the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School will develop a network of support and friendship among their classmates, Rutgers turfgrass alumni, and golf turf industry professionals worldwide. Whenever or wherever you wish to relocate, there will be Rutgers turf alumni nearby.

Our program is highly recommended for those who have demonstrated a proven interest in golf turf management and who have displayed a strong commitment to advancement in a successful golf turf management career.
Our Vision
A World of Opportunity

Today’s most successful golf turf managers are professionals who understand the game of golf, who have scientific knowledge of plants and their cultivation, and who know how to maintain an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound course. We believe successful golf course superintendents also require the skills to work within the constraints of a budget and to communicate effectively with their customers, managers/owners, vendors, and their golf course staff. This unique educational experience will prepare you for these challenges and more.

Our Goal
Our goal is to provide an innovative learning environment which promotes creative opportunities for students to attain knowledge, develop skills, build self-confidence and ultimately become leaders in the golf turf industry.

Where Are They Now?
Graduates of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School currently are leaders in the following industries:

- Golf Course Superintendents throughout the United States, Canada and Europe
- Owners of golf courses
- Agronomists
- Directors of professional sports turf fields and facilities
- Directors of corporate grounds and maintenance
- Directors of county and municipal parks
- Director of Nascar Infield Grounds
- Directors and sales representatives in seed, irrigation and equipment companies

Convenient Fall and Winter Sessions

Our intensive program is designed to fit conveniently around your work schedule. You have the option of attending our Fall Session from September 30 - December 11, 2009 or our Winter Session from January 6 - March 19, 2010. Program content and admission requirements for the Fall and Winter sessions are identical.

Students attending their first year in the Fall of 2009 will return for their second year in the Fall of 2010. Students attending their first year in the Winter of 2010 will return for their second year in the Winter of 2011. Class hours are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays for ten (10) weeks.

Applicants are required to have a minimum of two years golf course employment experience or equivalent educational and/or workplace experience.
Rutgers University Faculty and Staff

Our Team of Nationally Recognized Instructors

Dr. Stacy Bonos, Assistant Professor, Turfgrass Breeding and Genetics
Mr. Richard Buckley, Coordinator, Plant Diagnostic Laboratory
Mr. Joseph Clark, Principal Lab Technician, Turfgrass Research Farm
Dr. Bruce Clarke, Director, Turfgrass Pathology, Center for Turfgrass Science and Extension Specialist
Dr. Thomas Gianfagna, Professor, Turfgrass Physiology
Mr. Josh Honig, Laboratory Technician and Doctoral Student, Plant Biology and Pathology
Dr. Bingru Huang, Associate Professor, Plant Biology and Pathology
Dr. Richard Hurley, Adjunct Professor, Plant Biology and Pathology
Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr., Director, Office of Continuing Professional Education
Dr. William A. Meyer, Professor, Turfgrass Breeding
Mr. James Morris, Associate Director, Office of Continuing Professional Education
Dr. James Murphy, Extension Specialist, Turfgrass Management
Ms. Sabrina Tirpak, Principal Laboratory Technician, Plant Diagnostic Clinic

2008 Awards and Recognition

Dr. Bruce Clarke
Distinguished Alumni Award, Graduate School Rutgers University, 2008

Dr. Bingru Huang
New Jersey Turfgrass Association Recognition Award, 2008

Mr. Stephen Kay
Glenwood Country Club, Old Bridge, NJ

Dr. James Murphy
New Jersey Turfgrass Association Hall of Fame Award, 2008

Mr. Gene Westmoreland
Metropolitan Chapter, GCSAA, Distinguished Service Award, 2008
Golf Course Superintendents

Mr. Vince Bracken, Fairmount Country Club, Chatham, NJ
Mr. Tom Breiner, Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club, Far Hills, NJ
Mr. Chris Carson, Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, NJ
Mr. Ken Krausz, Paramus Golf Course, Paramus, NJ
Mr. Jason Pierce, Heron Glen Golf Course, Ringoes, NJ
Ms. Danielle Soldo, Old York Country Club, Columbus, NJ
Mr. Bob Wolverton, Bayonne Golf Club, Bayonne, NJ

Specialists from Related Industries

Mr. Robert Dobson, Middletown Sprinkler Company, Middletown, NJ
Mr. William Jamison, Communications Consultant, Toms River, NJ
Mr. Stephen Kay, Owner/Golf Architect, Stephen Kay-Doug Smith Golf Course Design, Egg Harbor City, NJ
Mr. Steven Kristoph, Owner, Steven Kristoph Nursery, Englishtown, NJ
Mr. Steven Langlois, Langlois Turf Consultants, Pitman, NJ
Mr. Bruce C. Neary, Owner, BCN Horticultural Services, Brick, NJ
Dr. Karen Plumley, Director of Research, Cleary Chemical Corporation, Dayton, NJ
Ms. Marie Pompei, Sales Representative, FM Brown’s Sons, Inc., Sinking Spring, PA
Mr. Gene Westmoreland, Assistant Executive Director/Tournament Director Metropolitan Golf Association, Elmsford, NY

Grading Policy and Graduation Requirements

Student performance will be evaluated in each class based on a combination of examinations, term papers, projects and class participation. Students should allow approximately 20 hours per week for class preparation. Certificates of Completion are awarded at our annual graduation banquet to all students who successfully complete both semesters of class work, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and who successfully complete a summer field internship of 400+ hours. Recognition for highest honors and honors is noted on certificates.

Recertification Credits

Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits are granted by most states for students in our program who have a current pesticide applicator license. If you wish to apply for recertification credits in your state, you must fill out a form that will be provided to you on your first day of class.
First-Year Curriculum

**Botany and Physiology of Turfgrass and Ornamentals**
Introduction to the structure, function, physiology, growth and development of higher plants.

**Business Communication**
Learn professional techniques to improve your written communication skills.

**Computer Technology**
Use of golf course software and internet resources that include industry specific web pages and applications. Hands-on workshops include online search strategies, MS Word, PowerPoint and beyond.

**Effective Speaking**
Instruction and practice in public speaking. By making presentations to your classmates, you will learn to enhance your presentation skills when speaking to board members, city council members, the media and others.

**Golf Course Construction I**
An introduction to golf course design principles and construction, including contours, slopes, tee and sand bunker construction.

**Golf History and Design**
The history of golf design, review of the great architects of the past, golf course types, golf course hole design styles, and famous golf holes will be discussed.

**Introduction to Soils**
Physical properties of soils, including soil texture, structure, density, soil water and drainage, and soil surveys are explored.

**Irrigation Principles I**
Become familiar with the various materials, past and present, that are utilized in golf course irrigation systems. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises, learn the options and proper procedures for repair of pipes, wires, valves, sprinkler heads, and controllers. Learn how to troubleshoot and diagnose wiring problems and control systems. Develop maintenance and repair skills that can be used throughout your career.

**Landscape Management**
Management and maintenance of landscape plants, proper planting procedures and pruning techniques.

**Landscape Plants I**
Identification and landscape uses of shade and small trees, deciduous shrubs and groundcovers.

**Managing Your Golf Course Employees**
Self-assessment of your learning and leadership styles, and an introduction to leadership dynamics and motivational strategies.

**Mathematics for Golf Course Superintendents**
Introduction to the multiple applications of mathematics on and around the golf course.

**Mower Technology and Reel Grinding**
Look at critical aspects of mower selection, set up and maintenance. Understand how cutting units operate to better develop a maintenance routine that will get the most out of your equipment.

**Practical Golf Course Surveying Strategies**
Learn tricks all good superintendents should know.

**Principles of Integrated Pest Control**
Review alternative approaches to pest, disease and weed control using conventional methods, cultural practices and integrated pest management (IPM) techniques.

**Regional Concerns**
Students meet to discuss problems, concerns and issues faced on golf courses across the United States and globally in this highly applied unit.

**Stress Physiology**
Learn valuable information on how turfgrass adapts to a variety of environmental stresses and how to manage turfgrass effectively to prevent and control damage.

**Turfgrass Disease Identification**
Diagnosis and management of turfgrass diseases, including strategies and field applications.

**Turf Disease Laboratory**
Hands-on experience viewing turfgrass pathogens and diseased material in our turfgrass education center. Learn to use a microscope for diagnostics.

**Turfgrass Identification and Development**
Proper identification of major turfgrass species and fundamentals of grass growth and development.

**Turfgrass Maintenance**
Mowing, watering, fertilizing, cultivating and controlling thatch on greens and fairways for optimal effect and minimal cost.

**Turfgrass Weed Identification and Weed Management**
Review the basic classification and reproduction systems of weeds on your golf course along with identifying characteristics.
Second-Year Curriculum

**Agronomic Characteristics of Turfgrass Species and Varieties**
Identification, characterization and selection of grasses, grass breeding, seed production, and certification are reviewed.

**Applications of Landscape Design**
Principles of landscape design and planting for golf course applications.

**Budgeting and Financial Management**
Current strategies for projecting, monitoring and controlling costs to achieve fiscal course goals.

**Case Studies in Turfgrass Management**
Students work in teams to apply the knowledge they have gained to solve real case problems in turfgrass management.

**Golf Course Construction II**
Construction costs, developing contracts, and scheduling construction projects, including ponds, cart paths and greens.

**Golf Course Maintenance Laboratory**
Working in small groups, calibrate a wide range of sprayers and spreaders; plant and prune trees; learn basic equipment maintenance; practice surveying; and perform basic irrigation troubleshooting and repairs. Attend field trips to a local golf facility and visit Golf House, home of the USGA.

**Insect and Disease Laboratory**
Hands-on identification of insect pests and disease symptoms/signs with emphasis on management and control strategies.

**Insects and Diseases of Ornamental Plants**
Review diagnostic methods and management for controlling insects and diseases affecting ornamental plants.

**Irrigation Principles II**
Become familiar with water supply, hydraulic principles, piping, fertigation and sprinkler layout. Discover what constitutes an efficient irrigation system and how it is measured. Learn irrigation and pump house installation practices. Gain knowledge on evaluating your irrigation system, preparing presentations, interviewing and selecting an irrigation consultant or designer, preparing plans and bid documents, and performing contract management.

**Landscape Plants II**
Identification and uses of conifers, broadleaf evergreens, shrubs and groundcovers.

**Professional Development Seminars**
Learn the final critical lessons to achieve necessary industry-wide credibility among your peers and golf course customers alike.

**Soil Fertility**
Learn the value of soil tests, cation exchange capacity, base saturation, pH, soil biology and fertility, and explore their roles in maintaining healthy soil and plants.

**Sprayer and Spreader Calibration**
Reduce the chance of having an environmental or financial accident by learning how to calculate your rates, as well as set up and test your equipment.

**Turfgrass Establishment**
Innovative techniques and specifications for seeding, sprigging and sodding along with current applications and challenges.

**Turfgrass Insects**
Review diagnostic methods and management options for controlling turfgrass insect pests.

**Turfgrass Maintenance II, including Work Experience**
Review current management practices on the golf course from student presentations covering their summer work experiences.

**Tournament Preparation Strategies**
Preparing your golf course for big image tournaments is an art - the secrets are shared here.
Field Experience

Our students are required to participate in 200+ hours of in-service, field experience (internship) following their first 10-week session in the program. Not all internships are of similar length - April 1 and October 1 represent traditional start and end dates. You may complete your internship in your current position or we can assist you in locating an internship position. Several internship opportunities exist at nationally recognized golf courses. Requirements for all internships include maintaining a daily log of activities, actual operation of various pieces of equipment and participation in various cultural practices. Students present their field experience activities in written and oral reports during their second 10-week session. Intern presentations assist students with practice in organizing and presenting information publicly, while providing the opportunity to learn from the experiences of other classmates from around the United States and globally.

Field Trips

New Jersey is home to many of the world's most highly-rated golf courses. During each session, students visit many of these acclaimed courses, including Pine Valley Golf Course, Pine Hill Golf Course, Baltusrol Golf Club, Bayonne Golf Course and others.

Students will tour the USGA Museum and Archives, and go “behind the scenes” and meet the engineers in the testing laboratory where the USGA tests golf equipment. The USGA Museum is home to the world's most extensive collections of golf memorabilia and literature.
Student Benefits and Recreation

• Discounted rates at the Rutgers University Golf Course
• Student rates for Rutgers sporting events, including our nationally-ranked football and women’s basketball programs
• Purchase of a discounted University recreational pass which includes:
  - Indoor pools
  - Weight rooms
  - Indoor driving range
  - Racquetball courts
  - Basketball courts
  - Intramural sports

Learning Resources

Chang Science Library
First-year students receive an introduction to Rutgers’ library system and all of its resources including reference material, trade publications and on-line databases.

Rutgers Learning Resource Center
The Learning Resource Center offers students instruction in effective studying and test taking strategies. The Center also offers free group tutoring sessions for students who feel they would benefit from extra assistance.

Computer Laboratories
Computer laboratories are located in the Geiger Turfgrass Education Center and at multiple sites around campus. Use of the laboratories, along with free e-mail accounts and internet access, are available to all students in the program.

“This program changed my life. I had no direction before I came here. Now I’m confident in my career choice, and Rutgers taught me everything I need to know to be successful.”

- Doug Burdick, 2008 Graduate

PGA Golf Club Coyote Springs, NV
David E. Diver, 1997 Graduate

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association
The Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association enthusiastically supports all turfgrass management activities at Rutgers University. This active nationwide alumni network of over 2000 members offers career opportunities to recent graduates and provides support for one another on a daily basis. Our alumni participate each year as instructors in our program and are available when and where needed. You will not find a more dedicated community of professionals anywhere.

To find a Rutgers alumnus near you, please call Fran Koppell at (732) 932-9271 ext. 637 or contact her via e-mail at koppell@rci.rutgers.edu

Visit our website - www.golfturf.rutgers.edu
Our Teaching/Research and Outreach Partnership

Rutgers University's School of Environmental and Biological Sciences is a professional school supporting the citizens of New Jersey. We are home to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, a source of mission-oriented basic and applied scientific research and outreach for the citizens of New Jersey. Central to our service mission was the 1991 establishment of the Center for Turfgrass Science (CTS). Its purpose is to generate and disseminate knowledge and provide education in turfgrass science by fostering a nationally recognized multi-disciplinary research, educational and outreach program. Rutgers University is internationally known for its turfgrass breeding program, which consistently develops superior cultivars of cool-season turfgrasses annually. Led by Dr. William Meyer and Dr. Stacy Bonos, our program continues to introduce new cool-season turfgrass cultivars worldwide. We maintain strong relations with the New Jersey turf industry and turf-related trade associations. The New Jersey Turfgrass Association, the New Jersey Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association, the NJ Landscape Contractors Association, the Cultivated Sod Association of NJ, the Sports Field Managers Association of NJ, and the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association all provide support in the form of research grants and scholarships, and work cooperatively with Rutgers to help you further your profession. One visible sign of the cooperation fostered between the University and New Jersey's turfgrass community is the Geiger Turfgrass Education Center, which is dedicated solely to turfgrass education and research.

For more information on the CTS, please call the director, Dr. Bruce Clarke via phone at (732) 932-9400, or contact him via e-mail at clarke@aesop.rutgers.edu

For additional information about our Turfgrass Management undergraduate degree program, please contact Dr. Richard Hurley
Phone - (732) 932-9375 ext.339
E-mail - hurlrich@aol.com.
You can also visit the website at: http://turf.rutgers.edu

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Your Application Must Include:  

* Please read this information carefully

- A completed application form (included on the last page of this brochure). Please provide all information. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- A letter of intent describing your education and work experience, why you are applying to the Rutgers program, how the course fits into your career plans, and what benefits you would bring to your classmates.
- Two letters of recommendation from current or past supervisors describing your duties, responsibilities, and potential for success in our program. If you are applying for a scholarship, your qualifications should also be addressed in the letters.
- Original copy of your high school and college transcripts or a copy of your GED certificate, as applicable.
- A $50 non-refundable application fee. All checks should be made payable to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Tuition

$3,675 per each ten week session (New Jersey Residents), $3,875 per each ten week session (out-of-state) for new students. Tuition rates for our returning second year students will remain unchanged from last year: $3,600 (New Jersey Residents) and $3,775 (out-of-state). Tuition is payable upon acceptance to our program by credit card (MasterCard, VISA or American Express), certified check or money order, and must be paid in full prior to the beginning of each session. A late fee of $250 will be assessed to any accounts with a balance due after the first day of class. No personal checks will be accepted.

Send your completed application packet to:

Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School
Office of Continuing Professional Education
102 Ryders Lane
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519

Application Deadline

Friday, July 24, 2009

We must receive your completed application for our Fall 2009 and our Winter 2010 Session by Friday, July 24, 2009. Admission notifications will be mailed by September 1, 2009 to our Fall 2009 Session and Winter 2010 Session students. If you would like an early decision on your application status, please check the appropriate box when applying. In most cases, we will respond within two weeks of receiving all required application information.

Veteran Benefits

The United States Veterans Administration operates various education assistance programs for eligible veterans, surviving spouses or children of any war veteran killed while on duty with the Armed Forces, disabled veterans, dependents of a veteran with service that resulted in total disability, and certain members of the selected reserve. Admitted veterans are eligible for VA benefits. For more information, or to obtain a form, please visit http://www.gibill.va.gov.

Inquiries concerning eligibility and processing of your benefits should be directed to: Fran Koppell at (732) 932-9271 or koppell@rci.rutgers.edu.

Lifetime Tax Credit

Students who attend may qualify for a ‘Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.’ A family may claim a credit up to $2,000 maximum, equal to 20% of the first $10,000 of educational expenses. Eligible education expenses are offset by scholarships, grants and employer-provided tax free educational assistance. The tax credit is subject to income and other limitations. For more details, consult IRS Publication 970, “Tax Benefits for Higher Education” or discuss with your tax advisor.

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School: A Three-Week Preparatory Short Course

January 11 - 29, 2010

Our intensive 15-day program is jam-packed with activities and topics that cover all aspects of golf turf management - from the basics of construction and maintenance to soil physics and employee management.

**Practical training**
This information can improve the aesthetics of your course and increase your value as a turf manager.

**Cost savings strategies**
Identifying various diseases and insects will help you resolve problems on your own, reducing the expense of outside professional assistance.

**Time saving strategies**
Learn how to prevent mistakes - rather than repair them - through proper horticulture techniques.

**Convenience**
A condensed course requires less time away from home and the intensive winter schedule offers flexibility to accommodate your work schedule.

**Credentials**
Enhance your current resume with formal golf turf management education from a nationally recognized university.

**Personal attention**
Our professional and supportive administrative team will facilitate a unique learning experience for you.

**Job placement**
We receive over 300 job opportunities each year at courses worldwide, and regularly offer referrals to program participants and past graduates.

Who Should Attend

Experienced golf turf professionals and employees with at least one year of experience on a golf course including:

- Superintendents/Greenskeepers
- Foremen
- Mechanics
- Assistant Superintendents
- Irrigation Technicians
- Spray Technicians

Other golf professionals with turf management responsibilities (i.e. owners, general managers, golf professionals, developers, etc.) will also benefit.

Selected Topics

- Basics of Golf Course Construction
- Introduction to Irrigation Principles
- Applications of Plant and Landscape Science
- Introduction to Soil Fertility Options
- Introduction to Turfgrass Diseases
- Turfgrass Management and Maintenance Practices
- Turfgrass Renovation Strategies
- Managing Your Most Challenging Turfgrass Weeds
- Managing Turfgrass Insects
- Turfgrass Morphology and Agronomic Principles

Only $1,395 - Register Today!

For additional information about our Three-Week Preparatory Short Course, please call Jim Morris at (732) 932-9271 ext. 627, or contact him via e-mail at jmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu
Additional Short Courses

**Golf Course Irrigation**
When your irrigation system breaks down in the heat of summer, there is no time for on-the-job training. This class delves into topics such as: piping and wiring maintenance, proper techniques for lateral and mainline repairs, transitioning to different types of pipe, communication and computer control applications and more.

**Turfgrass Disease Management**
Led by Turf instructor, Rich Buckley, this one-day class focuses on major turf diseases, such as Brown Patch, Summer Patch, Dollar Spot, Fairy Ring, Pythium Blight and others. You will learn the most current cultural, chemical, and biological techniques to identify and alleviate the cause of the problem, rather than repeatedly treating its symptoms.

**Managing Turfgrass Insects**
This one-day course will improve your ability to assess the severity of an infestation and select the right control measures based on the insects’ biology.

**Hazard Tree Identification**
Hazardous trees pose a double danger. They are tough to recognize, and they can be costly – and even deadly – if not managed before an avoidable accident happens. Certified Tree Experts walk you through the step-by-step process of identifying a hazard, dealing with it, and properly documenting your findings.

**Small Engine Repair**
Learn the keys to preventative maintenance and protect your equipment investment without waiting for or paying someone else to do it. You will learn the top reasons engines fail and how to maintain and perform routine repairs, without voiding your warranty. This hands-on class gives you answers to your specific questions - something a manual or video cannot deliver. Also consider the two-day **Small Engine Troubleshooting**, where you will tear down an engine in class.

**Athletic Field Construction and Maintenance**
Maintaining healthy and safe athletic fields starts with understanding your own individual turf and soil requirements. This three-day course explores construction, renovation, establishment and maintenance of athletic fields, and it will benefit both experienced athletic field managers, as well as newcomers.

Visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu for details!
You must complete this application to be considered for an award. All students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. There are multiple awards available with criteria that range from academic achievement and financial need to amount and depth of experience. Be sure to complete the scholarship application as fully as possible and return it with your admissions materials. Scholarship notifications will be included with the applicant’s acceptance letter.

Name

Permanent Address

Telephone E-mail

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL ACHIEVED

☐ Bachelor’s Degree Earned  G.P.A. ______  ☐ Associate’s Degree earned  G.P.A. ______

☐ Some college (one or more semesters, no degree)  ☐ High School Diploma  ☐ GED

FINANCIAL NEED (Please explain below. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS RECEIVED (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Will you be receiving your regular salary while you are attending the program?

☐ No  ☐ Yes

Is your employer paying any portion of your tuition?

☐ No  ☐ Yes  If yes, what percentage? ______

SERVICE TO THE TURFGRASS INDUSTRY

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN TURFGRASS SCIENCE?

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the above information is correct and accurate.

Signature ______________________________ Date __________________

Send your completed application packet to: Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School, Office of Continuing Professional Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519
Admission Application

Please provide ALL information. Print clearly or type. Incomplete forms will not be reviewed.

Name ____________________________ (First)   (Middle)          (Last)

Social Security Number ____________________ Name for Name Tag __________________

Home/Mailing Address   (Street, PO or Apt. #) ____________________________

City ____________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________ Country __________

Work Phone ____________________________ Home Phone ____________________________

E-mail address ____________________________ Cell Phone ____________________________

PERSON TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

Name ____________________________ Phone Number ____________________________ Relationship ____________________________

Please indicate the session for which you are applying: (select only one)

☐ Fall 2009 (Course Code AT0201CA10) ☐ Winter 2010 (Course Code AT0201CB10)

☐ Yes! I would like to be considered for early admissions on my application.

How did you hear about The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Two-Year Certificate Program?

☐ Mail Code: ____________________________ ☐ Search Engine: ____________________________

☐ Rutgers Website ☐ Other Website: ____________________________

☐ Referred by a Rutgers alumnus (Please specify) ____________________________

☐ Referred by my supervisor (Please specify) ____________________________

☐ Referred by a colleague (Please specify) ____________________________

Have you previously applied to this program? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, when? ☐ Fall ☐ Winter Year ________

Have you attended our Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School: Three-Week Preparatory Short Course?

☐ No ☐ Yes Year ________ Final Grade ________

EDUCATION

High School Graduate? ☐ No ☐ Yes Year ________ Final Grade Point Average (GPA) ________

Class Rank ________ Out of ________ If no, GED? ☐ No ☐ Yes Year ________

COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ATTENDED

Graduated ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, Major? ____________________________

Degree Earned? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, Degree? ☐ Associate’s ☐ Bachelor’s ☐ Master’s

Final GPA ________ Number of Credits Earned ________ Certificate Earned ☐ No ☐ Yes

WORK EXPERIENCE

Your Current Employer

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THE RUTGERS ADVANTAGE

Scholarships To Help Pay Your Way
More than one-third of our second-year students received one or more scholarships from private, state and local organizations. Numerous first-year students are also scholarship recipients.

Continuing Education Loans
We have developed a partnership with SallieMae which makes it more convenient for our students to apply for a school loan.

Experienced, Award-Winning Instructors
• Rutgers faculty and staff
• Leaders in related industries and turfgrass science
• Golf course superintendents

Dedicated Administration
Our supportive and customer centered administrative team will facilitate a unique learning experience for all students.

Logistical Convenience
Intensive 10-week sessions require less time away from home, family, and your workplace.

Access to Alumni Database
Our international database of active alumni provides an invaluable network of contacts who know the value of your certificate.

Experience Building Internship Program
Opportunities to work with nationally recognized golf course superintendents throughout America and worldwide.

Information You Can Put To Work
Our nationally-recognized program content will help you more effectively manage the challenges faced on your golf course.

Outstanding Learning Environment
The Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center is located next to our turfgrass research complex.

Convenient Off-Campus Housing
Our office maintains an exclusive list of current housing opportunities within a short driving distance to the Rutgers University campus.