

ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

Turfgrass management is a dynamic sector with opportunities across Canada and throughout the world. The Diploma in Turfgrass Management is a focused curriculum that will provide students with the skills to succeed in this competitive industry. The program utilizes the collaborative resources of the University of Guelph faculty and staff, industry professionals and the grounds, workshop and laboratory facilities of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. Practical and scientific study is combined with a required summer work semester to provide students with a wide range of experience and knowledge. The Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management is offered at the Guelph campus and prepares students for a variety of career opportunities including golf course management, lawn care, sports field management, parks management, sod production and related supply and service businesses.

Courses in the Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management are restricted to students enrolled in the program.

Students are required to work full time for at least 15 weeks following winter semester 2. Work must be in the field of turfgrass management. In semester 2, students must seek, interview for, and secure employment in consultation with the program coordinator. Prior to the end of semester 2, students must complete fall semester 3 pre-registration and a formal learning contract among themselves, the employer and the program coordinator. Students in a nonconventional stream must complete the formal learning contract before beginning the 15-week work experience. Academic requirements for the work semester as indicated in the course description of DTM*3100 Current Turf Practices, Current Turf Practices.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 - Fall		
DTM*1000	The Turf Industry	0.50
DTM*1010	The Identification and Care of Landscape Plants in Turf Environments I	0.50
DTM*1100	Plant Biology	0.50
DTM*1200	Turf Equipment	0.50
DTM*1300	Turf Soil Principles	0.50
DTM*1500	Turf Communication Skills	0.50
Semester 2 - Winter		
DTM*2000	Turf Management I	0.50
DTM*2010	The Identification and Care of Landscape Plants in Turf Environments II	0.50
DTM*2100	Turf Irrigation and Drainage	0.50
DTM*2200	Computers and Math for Turf	0.50
DTM*2400	Landscape Design	0.50
DTM*2600	Turf Environmental Management	0.50
Semester 3 - Fall		
DTM*3000	Turf Management II	0.50
DTM*3100	Current Turf Practices	0.50
DTM*3200	Turf Diseases	0.50
DTM*3300	Turf Insects and Weeds	0.50
DTM*3400	Landscape Construction	0.50
0.50 electives		0.50

Semester 4 - Winter		
DTM*4000	Turf Management III	0.50
DTM*4200	Design and Construction of Golf Courses and Sports Fields	0.50
DTM*4300	Turf Case Studies	0.50
DTM*4400	Human Resources Management	0.50
DTM*4500	Business and Finance for Turf	0.50
0.50 electives		0.50

Electives

Students in Turfgrass Management are required to take 1.00 elective credits. There are numerous ways to complete this requirement. Students should consult with their program counsellor for a complete list of options, which include the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
DTM*3800	Special Study Project I	0.50
DTM*4600	Computer Assisted Design	0.50
DTM*4800	Special Study Project II	0.50