



## Grounds Maintenance Technician Program Description

### Industry Description

This program is designed to prepare individuals for employment in the landscape management industry as turf management assistants or grounds management assistants. These employees service the landscape and turf environment for golf courses, parks, commercial and residential sites, athletic complexes, and municipalities.

### Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#)

Laborers who demonstrate good communication and technical skills may advance to crew leader or other supervisory positions. Supervisors can advance to grounds manager or facility superintendent. Courses in agronomy, horticulture, and botany are helpful for advancement. Supervisors can also become managers of lawn maintenance firms. Some landscapers and groundskeepers open their own businesses.

### Program Description

This program includes coursework in basic landscape practices, turf maintenance, and turf equipment. Complementary coursework is offered in communications and customer service. A six credit on-the-job training opportunity is included in the program curriculum.

**IMPORTANT** ACCUPLACER Test Requirement: ACCUPLACER testing in math, reading and writing. Any needed developmental courses must be completed before receiving a diploma or an A.A.S. award.

### Length of Program

Certificate	29 credits
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### Start Dates

Fall Semester	August
Spring Semester	January

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