

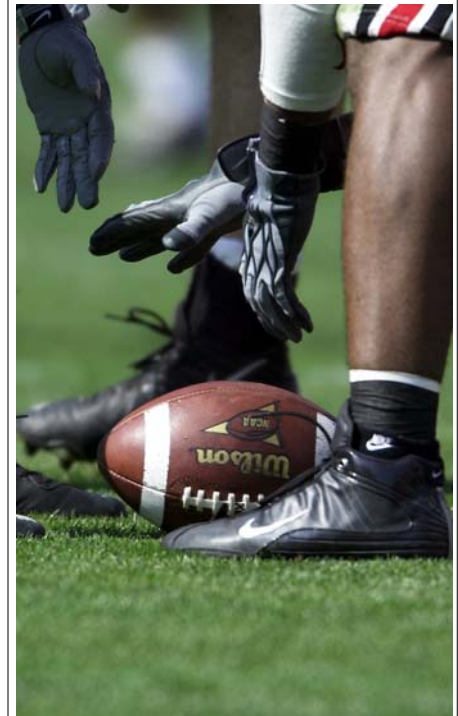
OSU Sports Turf Certificate Program

The OSU Sports Turf Management Certificate Program is an online learning experience for students and professionals worldwide, interested in pursuing or enhancing their educational background in sports field management.



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Overview



The Ohio State University Sports Turf Management Certificate Program was developed to challenge and test individuals of all knowledge levels in sports field management. The online program was developed so that the student or professional could gain the learning experience on campus, at work or home at a self determined learning pace.

The OSU certificate program was designed to allow students and professionals to work at their own pace and at times convenient to them.

The program was designed to be applicable to students and professionals from around the world.

Quotes from students who have completed the program...

“This class has helped me present the importance of Sports Turf Management to customers”.

“This is a great course that explains just what it takes to provide athletes with quality playing surfaces”

Having a Turf Certificate from The Ohio State University has helped me with using the best strategies for each customer”.

Content

The program consists of 5 certificates including basic soils, cool and warm season turfgrasses, cultural practices that are pertinent to the management of these grasses, major pests associated these grasses and management of synthetic surfaces. In addition, extra credit sections contains several different topics tailored to the students learning desires and experiences. The specific certificates are (1) Soils & Sands for Sports Fields (2) Turfgrasses (3) Cultural Practices (4) IPM, Weeds, Pests & Diseases and (5) Synthetic Turf. The subject area is broad enough to be applicable to turf conditions globally and was developed by leading turfgrasses researchers and educators at The Ohio State University.

The Learning Experience

The lectures or presentations for each module is a series of enhanced podcasts that incorporate audio along with numerous photographs on the specific learning experience. For example, the turfgrass certificate consists of enhanced podcasts on cool season and warm season turfgrasses, their establishment and management, and a specific enhanced podcast on over-seeding methods. Each presentation runs for approximately 15 minutes. Each presentation can be watched multiple times. In conjunction with each module is an online glossary and additional supplemental materials.



Field renovation is one of the topics covered in the OSU certificate program.

Evaluation Process

After completion of each certificate the student will complete the corresponding quiz & assignment. Each certificate quiz maybe taken twice with the average score counting. Upon completion each certificate and the corresponding quiz and assignment, the student must achieve an overall grade average of 70 percent or higher to successfully pass the course. If the student achieves an average equal to or greater than 94 percent, the student will pass with “Distinction”, which will be noted on the certificate. Upon completion of each certificate, if a passing grade is not achieved or the desired level of achievement is not reached, the opportunity exists to further view and study topics under “Extra Credit” where a quiz is available for each topic studied.

Offering Times

The certificate program is offered continually through the year. Each student may work at their own pace but each certificate must be completed within 10 weeks. Students may enroll for the full program (all 5 certificates) or just study individual certificates.

Applying & Cost (2009)

The application information can be found at Buckeyeturf.osu.edu. Once accepted into the program the tuition cost is \$150 (US) dollars per certificate (\$750 for the full course).



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