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Description:

Using their knowledge of horticultural sciences and turfgrass management expertise, Golf Course Managers often directly supervise and coordinate activities of landscaping workers that oversee golf course and greens maintenance. Managers of smaller properties often perform both supervisory and management functions, such as accounting, marketing, and personnel work, and may also engage in the same landscaping work as the workers they supervise.

Median Wage (as of 2006):

Entry Level Workers – \$ 27,733

Experienced Workers – \$ 66,457 (Wages dependent on size of property managed)

Level of Education:

On-the-job training, A.S./A.A.S. (required), B.S. (highly preferred/required), M.S. (favorable)

Job Outlook (through 2016):

21% increase in number of jobs

Examples of College & Universities:

Cornell University - Horticultural Sciences, Landscape Architecture

SUNY Cobleskill - Turfgrass Management

Morrisville State College (SUNY) - Horticulture Business Management

SUNY College of Technology at Delhi - Golf Course Superintendent Program, Professional Golf Management

Penn State University - Turfgrass science, Landscape/Nursery Technology

Ohio State University - Turfgrass Management

Employers:

Private and Public Golf Courses - Winged Foot Golf Club, Cobblestone Creek Country Club, Ardsley Country Club, Saratoga Golf & Polo Club, Inc., Marine Park Club Club, Oak Hill Country Club

Private Sector - Trugreen Landcare Company, Turf of New England, The Scotts Company, LLC/ Scotts Lawn Service

Colleges & Universities - Cornell University – Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, Purdue University – Birk Boilmaker Golf Complex, Yale University – The Course at Yale, Rutgers University Golf Course

High School/College Courses to Take:

Business Management, Human Resource Management, Oral and Written Communication, Horticultural Sciences, Turfgrass Management, Crop and Soil Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics

Related Professions:

Horticultural Business Manager

Dairy Farm Manager

Landscape Architect



Cornell University