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# Public Grounds Management Certificate

Are you looking to launch a career in public grounds maintenance? Are you looking to upgrade your groundskeeping resume? The Rutgers "Public Grounds" certificate is a great way to advertise your commitment and expertise! The program features a combination of classroom and hands-on training, and it will teach you the skills necessary to work outdoors in a park. You can do it all in one winter!

## Required Courses:

- Introduction to Plant Identification (two days, fall) - Learn plant classification and biology basics to better understand how plants and trees are grouped and identified.
- Soil and Plant Relationships (two days, fall) - Gain an understanding of the practical aspects of soil science, along with strategies for proper plant selection.
- Basics of Turfgrass Management (one day, winter) - Get a full day of turf topics and best practices. You'll learn about turf pests, soils and fertilization, and turfgrass varieties.
- Pest Management of Ornamental Landscape Plants (one day, winter) - This course covers identification and control of diseases, along with weed and insect problems in landscape plants.
- Integrated Pest Management (one day, winter) - Learn about the philosophy of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and discover practical strategies for implementing IPM.  
NOTE: This is a 3-day class, but only Day One is required for the certificate.
- Pest Management of Landscape Turf (one day, fall) - Learn valuable clues to effectively diagnose and treat insect, disease, and weed problems in turf.
- Park Management and Liability Issues (one day, winter) - Learn how to protect yourself from lawsuits, and how to get better performance from your crew.
- Introduction to Pruning Techniques (one day, winter) - Learn how to properly prune your landscape plants while preserving their natural vigor and beauty.
- Hazardous Tree Identification (one day, winter) - Learn a three-point rating system to identify and document hazardous trees.
- Athletic Field Construction And Maintenance (two days, winter) - This class will teach you how to establish, maintain, and renovate an athletic field.

**TOTAL COST: \$2515**

All classes will be held at the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick. Dates of classes subject to change. For current class dates and other information, please visit [www.cpe.rutgers.edu/publicgrounds](http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/publicgrounds) or call (848) 932-7317 and get started today