Are your courses offered online?
Yes. The entire program is offered online.

Do you provide job placement?
No, however, you will have the opportunity to network with fellow students and instructors during the course of your studies, which may provide you with valuable employment leads.

What type of position will I qualify for after completing this program?
Individuals who complete this program may qualify for various positions within the field. Turfgrass Managers can work in the public or private sector, from large parks, cemeteries or stadiums, to small private homes and businesses. Typical responsibilities include watering, cutting, fertilizing, testing soil composition, installing new lawns and sprinkler systems, and much more.

Are there any prerequisites for enrolling in this program?
No prior coursework is required. We do, however, recommend that you have a high school education or equivalent and some knowledge of basic mathematic and algebraic calculations, PC use and introductory botany.

What’s the job outlook once I complete the program?
According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics: Employment of landscapers and groundskeepers will grow 20 percent between 2010 and 2020, which is faster than the average for all occupations. More workers will be needed to keep up with increasing demand for lawn care and landscaping services from large institutions.

Do I need to pay for the program up front?
No. This is a “pay as you go” program; you pay for each course individually when you enroll.

Do I need a degree to enroll in this certificate program?
No.

When can I start the certificate program?
You may begin at the start of any quarter; classes are offered year-round. We recommend that you begin with Foundations of Turfgrass Management. Please note that some courses may have prerequisites. Check the specific course listing for details.

Can coursework be transferred into the program from other universities?
Yes. Equivalent coursework from other accredited colleges or universities completed within the last five years will be considered for “Principles of Plant Growth” and “Introduction to Chemistry for Environment and Agricultural Professionals,” up to a total of six units. Official transcripts are required.

Where can I find more information?
For more information on this program, please contact a program representative at (951) 827-5804 or sciences@ucx.ucr.edu.