



professional grounds
management society

Membership and Certification



CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE

Those who manage or perform horticultural, landscape management or landscape design functions in maintaining grounds for residential, commercial, institutional, athletic, recreational, and or/educational sites.

AFFILIATE

Employees of active members.

INSTITUTIONAL

Up to four grounds professionals from one institution may join under one membership.

SUPPLIER

Commercial organizations wishing to work more closely with PGMS. Such members shall include equipment manufacturers and suppliers, and plant growers and suppliers.

PARTNERS IN PROFESSIONALISM

Enhanced marketing program for supplier members.

“I can sum up the benefits of PGMS in three words: networking and professional development. PGMS gives me access on a national level to others in our profession that can offer advice and encouragement. The School of Grounds Management provides me with up to date information on all aspects of grounds management, from technical Horticulture to the business aspect of my job - finances, people management, etc.”

Susanne Woodell, CGM
Grounds Manager
Asheville, NC

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GREEN INDUSTRY EXPO

A partner in the industry’s most dynamic Green Industry Exposition, PGMS conducts its acclaimed “School of Grounds Management” education conference with the GIE+EXPO and brings together grounds managers, educators and suppliers for the sharing of knowledge and ideas.

REGIONAL SEMINAR AND SITE VISIT PROGRAMS

Providing grounds managers with the hard-to-find opportunities to gain knowledge, ask questions, and network with their peers during these interactive programs featuring education seminars and behind-the-scenes tours of grounds management programs.

CERTIFICATIONS

Advance your career through professional development. Become a Certified Grounds Manager (CGM) or Certified Grounds Technician (CGT).

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For further information on the PGMS Certified Grounds Manager and Certified Grounds Technician programs, including application, please visit PGMS online at www.pgms.org/certifications.

Questions?

Contact PGMS Headquarters at 443-966-3852 or info@pgms.org.



EDUCATE

CERTIFIED GROUNDS MANAGER (CGM®)

Advance your career and receive national recognition as a CGM! This two-part certification process includes an application test and a Professional Grounds Manager Evaluation portfolio, which upon completion, serves as a working document to improve your skills as a grounds manager.

CERTIFIED GROUNDS TECHNICIAN (CGT®)

The CGT examination consists of questions covering multiple facets of grounds maintenance, including questions based on your region. A minimum score of 70% is required to pass and continuing education units are required to maintain certification.

SCHOOL OF GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

Develop your skills as a grounds manager by completing this PGMS certificate program, which covers four core management competencies: Human Resources, Business and Finance, Technical Horticulture, and Technical Non-Horticulture.



ELEVATE

ACCREDITATION

Demonstrate your institution's dedication to sustainable grounds management practices and be recognized for your professional excellence with the PGMS Landscape Management and Operations Accreditation program.



GREEN STAR AWARDS®

This annual Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, outstanding landscape design and construction.



ENGAGE

COLLABORATE

Collaborate with and gain knowledge from fellow grounds managers around the country through local PGMS branches, member-only online forums, social media, blogs and much more.

EXPLORE

Network with hundreds of grounds managers, visit thousands of vendors, and attend multiple education sessions at PGMS' annual School of Grounds Management, held in conjunction with the GIE+EXPO in Louisville, Ky.



"Becoming a member of PGMS is one of the best investments I ever made in my career. The knowledge, experience, and leadership is above and beyond any organization I've ever been a part of. The certifications and awards that PGMS offers, plus the networking catapulted my career...I would not be where I'm at today without PGMS."

Jared Rudy, CGM
Superintendent of Grounds
Villanova University



"Joining and becoming an active member of PGMS not only validated the effort and commitment it takes to provide a beautiful landscape, it also inspired the desire to befriend, share and educate with fellow members, all who continually strive for higher goals while being associated with leaders of our industry."

Joe Kovolyan, CSFM, CGM
Manager of Grounds/Automotive
University of Puget Sound