



SCHOOL OF GROUNDS MANAGEMENT



**HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**



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— HORTICULTURE**



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PGMS® SCHOOL OF GROUNDS MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The School of Grounds Management certificate program was developed to provide goal-oriented education opportunities to grounds management professionals attending School of Grounds Management courses, which are available twice a year as annual PGMS® conferences (summer and fall) and multiple times throughout the year as webinars. Additional benefits of the program include educating attendees in the areas of competencies needed to prepare for entrance into the Certified Grounds Manager (CGM®) program.

To earn the certificate of completion, the student must complete twenty-four (24) credit hours within four (4) years of enrollment. Of those twenty-four credits, a maximum of eight (8) credits can be earned by attending live PGMS® virtual webinars. Additionally, a minimum of 4.5 credit hours must be earned in the following four (4) competencies:

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Sessions cover a variety of important topics dealing with human interactions that affect grounds professionals at all levels.

Topics may include: Customer Service, Leadership, Dealing with Different Personalities, Diversity/ADA, Motivation, Personnel Functions, Supervision and Scheduling, Time Management, and Team Building.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



Sessions focus on up-to-date fiscal advice and experiences that enable managers along with their teams to continue as the service providers of choice.

Topics may include: Budget, Business Ethics, Contract Management, Marketing/Communication for Facilities Management, Networking, Production/Operations Management, Risk Management/Liability, Sales, Information Technologies, and Organization Structure and Functions.

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT — HORTICULTURE



Sessions cover a variety of emerging issues and trends pertinent to the living environment.

Topics may include: Arboriculture, Seasonal Flower Displays, Green Roofs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Perennials, Ornamental Grasses and Ground Cover Management, Plant Identification, Turf and Sports Turf Management, Urban Forestry, and Woody Plant Management.

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT — NON-HORTICULTURE



Sessions focus on the sharing of ideas and strategic input for managing and maintaining landscape infrastructure that enhances the living environment.

Topics may include: Design and Build, Irrigation and Water Management, Landscape Management, Public Horticulture, Safety and Certifications, Snow and Ice Management, Sustainability/Biological Diversity, and Technology.

24 CREDITS TOTAL



Educational Classes at the PGMS® School of Grounds Management

SGM sessions vary in length, but average between 60 and 90 minutes, providing 1 – 1.5 credits. One credit equals one hour of instruction.

PGMS® Virtual Webinars (Live)

Each webinar consists of either a half hour (.5) credit or one hour (1) credit of live virtual instruction. (*Credits can only be earned by attending the live webinar. No credits are available for recorded webinars.)

Required Credits

The total of four and a half hours (4.5) credits will need to be completed in each of the four core competencies. A maximum of eight (8) credit hours can be earned by attending live webinars. An additional six hours (6) credits will also need to be accumulated for the total of 24 hours/credits required by participating in the following:

- The field trip associated with the PGMS® SGM (valued at 1.5 credit hours – 1/2 day field trip)
- Full registration to PGMS® Summer Conferences
- Additional core competency courses, elective classroom courses or live webinars.

What are Members saying?



“Get the most out of these wonderful opportunities to increase your knowledge specific to our industry.”

– Donna Hibbs, CGM®, KCN



“I feel that we must continue to grow our knowledge and collaborate with other professionals in the industry. With the advancements in technology, our industry is constantly changing. I feel we need to be proactive and adapt with changes in the industry, using them to our advantage. I look forward to collaborating with other landscape professionals and CGMs.” – Nathan Lazinsky, CGM



“Since I have become an active member in PGMS, serving as the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Branch, the School of Grounds Management was an opportunity to reinforce my education and network with other industry professionals. The School of Grounds Management and the professional relationships I’ve developed while attending were the inspiration for me to attain my CGM status.”

– Eric Andrews, CGM

***To enroll in the program, please complete the application on the following page.**



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School of Grounds Management (SGM)

Certificate Program Application

***\$25 One-Time Application Fee (4 Year Enrollment Term)**

Name (First, Middle, Last and Suffix):

Title/Position:

Which of the following do you actively manage? __ Landscaping __ Sports Fields __ Fleet/Automotive
 __ Trash/Recycling __ Arboretum __ Forestry __ Irrigation __ Hardscape
 __ Other/Please Specify: _____

Employing Organization:

Contact Address:

City/State/Zip:

Contact Phone:

Fax:

Email Address:

___ I hereby apply for the PGMS® School of Grounds Management (SGM) Certification Program as stated above for the ***\$25 one-time application fee for the four (4) year enrollment term**. By enrolling in the School of Grounds Management program, you are agreeing to abide by the PGMS® code of conduct as outlined on www.pgms.org.

Signature / Date:

Payment Methods: Please Select: PGMS® Member ____ Non-Member ____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Card: VISA MC AMEX	
		Credit Card #:	
		Exp. Date:	CV2 #:
		Signature:	
		Billing Address for Credit Card if different from above:	

Please Note: Your credit card statement and receipts will read The Professional Grounds Management Society®