

# ATHLETIC TURF MANAGER

Athletic turf managers are responsible for producing and maintaining sporting grounds. They ensure the turf and surrounds are looking pristine.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Develop and implement plans for the successful maintenance of all athletic fields and grounds
- Plan, oversee, and project-manage major athletic grounds and fields renovation projects, as assigned
- Schedule, facilitate, oversee, and quality control reconstruction activities, including the work of external contractors
- Oversee assigned personnel, which includes assigning work, work allocation, training and problem resolution; evaluating performance and making recommendations for personnel actions
- Develop and manage budgets related to athletic fields and grounds
- Purchase, maintain, and manage inventory of athletic field maintenance equipment and supplies
- Supervise the conversion and protection of athletic fields during special events
- Restore fields damaged by weather, use, or other conditions to a level commensurate with those expected athletic grounds
- Manage and review irrigation systems performance and initiate changes when necessary
- Be in attendance during sporting events to supervise field use



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

An associate's or bachelor's degree in turfgrass management is required

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, mathematics, Spanish, biology, chemistry and environmental science

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Universities and colleges, golf courses, municipal stadiums and professional sporting teams

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Turfgrass Federation
- Golf Course Superintendent's Association
- Sports Turf Managers Association

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$45,000