Turf Management is a 57-credit diploma program at Anoka Technical College. This program helps individuals understand the importance of caring for natural and artificial turfs by mowing, watering, fertilizing, and aerating the turf regularly. The Turf Management program prepares students to work in a number of different areas including, but not limited to athletic fields, golf courses, and parks.

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:
- Collaborate effectively with others in situations requiring teamwork, leadership, and negotiations.
- Integrate sustainable golf course grounds management cultural practices with conventional cultural practices.
- Apply technical and theoretical skills and knowledge to golf course situations.
- Anticipate biological issues within field-related situations and conditions.
- Research, organize, and interpret information from various technical sources.

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate in Applied Science (AAS), diploma, or certificate must meet the cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher.

The Golf Course Grounds Management program has articulated partnerships with two four-year institutions:
- The University of Minnesota-Crookston campus for a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Golf Facilities and Turf Systems Management
- Suny Cobleskill in New York for a Bachelor of Technology degree in Golf Turf Management

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:
- Minnesota Transfer
- Anoka Technical College transfer student

Wages/Outlook/Advancement
Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Start Dates
- Fall Semester ................................. August
- Spring Semester ............................. January

Program Sequence

 FALL SEMESTER
- TURF 1050  Woody Plant Materials I .......... 3
- TURF 1211  Turfgrass and Grounds Management .... 4
- TURF 1230  Landscape Construction for Golf Course ........ 3
- TURF 1300  Irrigation Installation and Design .......... 3
- TURF 1310  Sports Turf Management ............... 3
- NSCI 1020  Plant Science ......... 3
- TURF 1060  Woody Plant Materials II ........... 3
- TURF 1220  Introduction to Turfgrass Species ....... 3
- TURF 1270  Supervised Occupational Experience I .... 6
- TURF 1015  Soil Science and Fertility .......... 4
- TURF 1045  Plant Pest II .......... 4
- TURF 1241  Turfgrass Diseases ......... 3
- TURF 1515  Supervised Occupational Experience II .... 3
- TURF 1250  Golf Course Construction and Design .... 3
- TURF 1262  Turf Power and Equipment .......... 3
- TURF 1280  Golf Course Planning and Operations .... 3

 Industry Information
Turf management professionals work to achieve a pleasant and functional outdoor environment for many places, such as golf courses or athletic fields. Some of these jobs are seasonal and are mainly available in spring, summer, and fall. This work can be repetitive and physically demanding, requiring frequent bending, kneeling, lifting, and shoveling.

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Also see: Turf and Golf Course Management AAS and Irrigation & Ground Management certificate