

Lawn Care Technology Program Update
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In the fall of 1988, the first class of students entered the 18-month Lawn Care Technology Program at Michigan State University. This program, administered jointly by the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences and Institute of Agricultural Technology, provides academic and on-the-job training for students interested in careers in turfgrass management for all areas excluding golf courses. Training in golf turf management is provided through a separate program. Courses in turf management, pesticide use and safety, landscape horticulture, business, and communications prepare students for management positions in operations involved in the care of turf and landscapes.

Student numbers have grown satisfactorily in the first two years of the program. However, this rate of growth needs to continue. Our biggest challenge is recruiting students into the program. The industry can assist us in this effort by helping to establish concrete information on demand for graduates. If you would consider hiring a person with this training, please submit a job description to the author at the following address:

Michigan State University
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154B Plant and Soil Sciences Building
East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1325

This information can be used in two ways. First, prospective students can be made aware of the variety of opportunities awaiting them upon completion of the program. Secondly, the information will be kept on file to assist students in their career development. The author and coordinator of the program can be reached at (517) 355-0207, or at the above address to provide further information.