

Plan Your Certification Strategy

If you have the drive, ability, dedication and desire to achieve the highest level of excellence in the field of turf-grass management, GCSAA's certification program is for you. The sliding scale formula (shown to the right) outlines the varying entry requirements for application to the program.

Entry requirements for becoming an applicant in the certification program include current employment as a golf course superintendent, education, experience and GCSAA seminar and/or correspondence course CEUs (continuing education units). A golf course superintendent's level of post-secondary education determines the number of years' experience and the number of GCSAA seminar and/or correspondence course CEUs required to qualify as an applicant.

Once you have completed the requirements and submitted your application, you will have one year to pass the six-hour exam and the course evaluation, which is performed by two certified superintendents in your area.

If certification is in your future, begin now to earn the CEUs required for application. These tested CEUs must be earned from GCSAA's seminar curriculum and/or GCSAA-approved correspondence courses. CEUs are recorded in your member file and may be accumulated up to the date of application.

For any questions, or to request a comprehensive brochure on the certification program, contact Penny Mitchell, certification manager, at 913/832-4484, or e-mail to certify@gcsaa.org.

EDUCATION	+ EXPERIENCE AS GCS	+ CEUs*
Bachelor's degree in turf/plant science	3 years	4.2
Other bachelor's degree	5 years	7.0
Associate's degree in turf/plant science	5 years	7.0
Two-year turf certificate from a four-year school	5 years	7.0
Other associate's degree	7 years	9.8
Turf certificate (400-hour minimum)	7 years	9.8
No degree or recognized certificate	8 years	31.5

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