

Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management

Fall 2022

Background Information Form (BIF)

The Admission Process

Official admission information can be found at: <https://admission.uoguelph.ca>

Be sure to complete all appropriate admission application components including:

- OUAC application including academic transcripts or internal transfer application
- Completed Background Information Form
- Updated resume and cover letter

All three of these must be received in order to be considered for admission into the DTM program. Admission decisions are based on academic performance (high school and/or other post-secondary grades) and the applicant's overall suitability and fit for the DTM program (As illustrated in the BIF answers and resume package (ie. leadership, work experience, knowledge, passion, aspirations, references, etc...). More information can be found below on each of these components.

Academic Transcripts

In order for our admissions committee to ensure you meet the minimum requirements of the DTM program, you must submit your previous academic records or transcripts. More information on this can be retrieved from the admissions webpage listed above.

Background Information Form

Please answer all the questions listed in the form without any assistance from others. Answers should be written in complete sentences and should be limited to the space allocated on the form. Proofread your answers carefully with attention to spelling and grammar.

Resume and Cover Letter

Please submit your most recent and updated resume, along with a cover letter stating your intentions and interest in the DTM program.

Please save the completed BIF including your resume and cover letter as one PDF file and email to Carie Devitt at: dtmpc@uoguelph.ca. For admission consideration, your Background Information Form should reach Carie Devitt by February 17, 2022. Forms submitted after this date will be considered based on space.

Carie Devitt, Program Counsellor
Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management
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Dear applicant,

Greetings and thank you for your interest in the Diploma in Turfgrass Management (DTM) Program at the University of Guelph.

The DTM program is an intensive course that combines both academic and experiential approaches to education and preparation for a successful career as a manager in the turfgrass industry. Our curriculum combines technical, scientific, and business-related areas of study through in-class lectures, hands-on labs, outdoor workshops, and field trips. Over the course of its tenure, the DTM program has become recognized as Canada's premiere post-secondary turfgrass education program. It is my goal to maintain this reputation and continue growing our success by hiring instructors and admitting students who best personify the following core values: **Passion, Integrity, Commitment, Leadership** and **Aspiration**.

Please be sure to keep these core values in mind when describing yourself in the background information form, cover letter and resume. Please note that industry knowledge, understanding and experience will be considered assets to all applicants, but are not required for program admittance.

I sincerely look forward to reviewing your application.



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Applicant Information

OUAC#
(if applicable)

U of G ID #
(if applicable)

Last name:

First name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone:

Email:

References

Reference #1

Name:

Position:

Address:

City and
Province:

Telephone:

Email:

Reference #2

Name:

Position:

Address:

City and
Province:

Telephone:

Email:

Note: References could include current or former employer(s), guidance counsellor, coach or teacher. Do not include references that are friends or family members.

Background Information Form: Questions

Question 1. Why do you wish to join the Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management program at the University of Guelph?

Question 2. Why do you wish to pursue a career as a turfgrass manager? (what inspirations, mentorship and guidance has led you to this decision?)

Question 3. List 5 skills that you feel are essential to success in the field of turfgrass management.

Question 4. Describe yourself as a student. For example: Are you a keen participant in class? Are you outgoing? Do you find yourself asking questions or engaging in class discussions? Are you a leader? Or would you describe yourself as being quiet and introverted?

Question 5. Briefly describe any skills, knowledge and experiences you possess that are related to turfgrass management or will translate well to a career in turfgrass management.

Question 6. What are your aspirations with respect to your future career as a turfgrass manager?

Question 7. Beyond what you have already mentioned in the above questions, why should the admissions committee consider selecting you for the DTM program

Question 8. How did you find out about the DTM program? Please list any and all information that helped you to identify the University of Guelph as your choice for pursuing this educational pathway.

Copy Cover Letter Here:

Copy Resume Page 1 Here:

Copy Resume Page 2 Here (if applicable):

Copy Resume Page 3 Here (if applicable):