

**Campus Recreation Services
University of Maryland, College Park**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Sports Turf Technician (Non-Exempt Staff #100529B)

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Full-time professional staff position with full state benefits. The Sports Turf Technician performs activities to ensure the readiness and safety of the outdoor fields/recreation facilities operated and maintained by Campus Recreation Services (CRS) at the University of Maryland, College Park. These facilities include native soil and sand-based cool season grass fields, infill artificial turf surfaces, native soil cool season grass informal recreation spaces, sand volleyball courts, and hard court surfaces.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have, as a minimum: a High School Degree (or GED) and a minimum of three years in the maintenance of academic/recreation/professional sports fields and/or golf courses including a minimum of three years in the operation of commercial grounds maintenance equipment. Related formal education in which one has gained the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for full performance of the work may be substituted for the experience requirement on a year-for-year basis with 30 college credits being equivalent to one year of experience. A valid driver's license and the ability to be certified by the State of Maryland as a pesticide applicator are required. Applicants should have an extensive knowledge of all aspects of athletic field maintenance and other skills/abilities, including, but not limited to:

- Growing characteristics of warm and cool season grasses
- Maintenance requirements for different playing surfaces (mowing, fertilizing, seeding, sodding, field layout/lining, grooming, snow removal, weed/pest/disease recognition and treatment, etc.)
- Ability to read, write, and perform mathematical calculations
- Ability to communicate effectively through both written, oral, and electronic means
- Ability to perform physical work in adverse (hot/cold) weather conditions
- Ability to operate equipment (tractor, mowers, groomers, snow blowers/brooms, spreaders, top-dresser, sprayers, blowers, paint machines, utility vehicle, sod-cutter, hand-held power tools, etc.)

Preferred qualifications include: Experience working on sand-based natural grass fields and infill artificial turf fields. Experience supervising employees (student, full-time, or seasonal).

STARTING DATE: February 2010, *preferred*.

SALARY: Commensurate with education and experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: For further information on the employment process, please go to <http://www.uhr.umd.edu/employment/emp.cfm> and look under "Technical and Paraprofessional" in the Non-Exempt Positions listing. You may also call the employment office at (301) 405-5679, or (301) 405-5677 (Voice and TTY) for more information. The Employment Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is located in 1104 Chesapeake Building (No.338), at the corner of Paint Branch Dr. and Terrapin Trail. Handicapped parking is available in lot P* and metered visitor parking is available in lot P2.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 8, 2009

The University of Maryland is a diverse community of 45,000. The Campus Recreation Services Department shares a strong institutional commitment to the principles of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving

applications from a broad spectrum of people, including women, ethnic minorities, and individuals with disabilities.