This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Turfgrass Management
Turfgrass management is the study of the science and culture of fine grasses that are used on golf courses, athletic fields, home lawns, and other areas requiring an attractive but functional groundcover. Increasing interest in outdoor recreational activities as well as aesthetically appealing landscaped areas has created a demand for professional turfgrass managers. The turfgrass management major at the University of Georgia is unique in that it is the only 4-year turf program in the United States that is jointly administered by two departments. The combined effort of the departments of Crop and Soil Sciences and Horticulture provide greater resources to students in terms of laboratories, teaching equipment, demonstration field plots, faculty expertise, and course offerings.

Researching Job Titles and Careers
O*NET http://online.onetcenter.org (click on Find Occupations)
Occupational Outlook Handbook http://www.bls.gov/oco (type in general term for career of interest)
Georgia Career Information Center http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu (accessible only on campus computers)
Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)
Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles
Arborist
Assistant
Assistant Golf Superintendent
Branch Manager
Broker
Chemical Applicator
Compliance Coordinator
Foreman
Golf Course Maintenance Tech
Golf Course Superintendent
Grader
Grounds Crew
Hardscape Crew Leader
Importer
Irrigation Installer
Land Planner
Landscape Architect
Lawn Care Specialist
Pesticide Technician
Plant Health Care Specialist
Production Manager
Sales Representative
Spray Technician
Turf Maintenance
Turf Scout
Wholesaler

Possible Employers
Alltel Stadium
Assistant Superintendent
Athens Country Club
Athletic Field Management
Augusta National Golf Course
Chemical Lawn Care
Commercial Grounds Management
Cooperative Extension Service
Golf Course Management
Green Seed Company
Irrigation Design and Installation
Kittansett Club
Landscaping Firms
Lawn Maintenance
Marietta Country Club
McArthur Golf Clubs
Orkin Pest Control
Park Management
Post Properties
Private Consulting
Residential Lawn Installation
School Grounds Management
Sea Island Gold Club
Sod Production
Sport Turf Management
Standard Club
The Landings Club
The University of Georgia
Turfgrass Seed, Chemical, and
Equipment Sales and Service
University Research

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Clubs and Organizations- http://students.caes.uga.edu/athens/organizations.cfm
UGA Turf Club- http://ugaturfclub.org/
Horticulture Club
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) - http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/manrrs/
Alpha Gamma Rho (Men pursuing careers in agriculture) - http://www.georgiaagr.com/home
Sigma Alpha (Women pursuing careers in agriculture) - http://www.ugasigmaalpha.com

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at - http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html
Connect with your Career Consultant http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants

Employment Websites

**GENERAL:**
CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)
DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)
GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)
Idealist www.idealista.org/ (nonprofit jobs)
USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

**MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:**
Turf Jobs- http://www.turfjobs.com/
The Environmental Careers Organizations Job Board- http://www.eco.org/
Environmental Career Opportunities- http://www.ecojobs.com/
AgCareers.com- http://agcareers.com

Professional Information Resources

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America- http://www.gcsaa.org/
The US Golf Association- http://www.usga.org/
Sports Turf Managers Association- http://www.stma.org/
Landscape Management- http://landscapemanagement.net/
Georgia Green Industry Association- http://www.ggia.org/
American Society for Horticultural Science- http://www.ashs.org/
Crop Science Society of America- http://www.crops.org/

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Students that major in turfgrass management typically go on to work in golf course maintenance, professional lawn care, grounds maintenance, sod production, sales and service, athletic field maintenance, or research support.

If you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree, check out our website for assistance with this process: http://bit.ly/1c7fd8P