

The 2025-26 Virginia Tech School of Turfgrass Ecology and Management (VT-STEM) Programming Schedule of Topics and VT Turfgrass Team Presenters

Date the weekly training presentation is launched/Date of that week's Live Q+A by Zoom at 7 pm EST	Topic for the weekly training	Lead Presenter(s), Industry guest(s), Guest Certified Turfgrass Professionals
November 1, 5 (Wed)	Turfgrass Identification Tips; Cool Season Turfgrass Adaptation and Uses	Dr. Mike Goatley, Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist
November 8, 12 (Wed)	Warm-Season Turfgrass Adaptation and Uses; Principles in Turfgrass Growth and Development	Mike Goatley
November 15, 19 (Wed)	Soil Science Principles for Turfgrass Managers	Jon Dickerson, Director, VT Agriculture Technology Turfgrass Program;
November 22, 25 (TUE) NOTE: TUESDAY EVENING FOR ZOOM MEETING THIS WEEK due to Thanksgiving Holiday on Nov 27	Irrigation Principles in Turfgrass Management	Dr. Dan Sandor, Collegiate Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science;
November 29, Dec 3 (Wed)	Mowing Principles and Cultural Management Practices	Dr. Goatley
December 6, 10 (Wed)	Turfgrass Nutrition and Nutrient Management Strategies;	Dr. Goatley
December 13, 17	Turfgrass Establishment	Adam Nichols, Turfgrass Research Manager, VT Hampton Roads AREC;
NO Zoom meetings for the next two weeks for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays		
January 3, 7 (Wed)	Principles of Turf Entomology and Tips in Identification and Mgt of the Predominant MidAtlantic Turfgrass Insects	Dr. Thomas Kuhar, Professor of Entomology; Dr. Alejandro Del Pozo, Assistant Professor Entomology
January 10, 14 (Wed)	Weed Identification Tips for the Most Prominent Transition Zone Weeds	Dr. Jeff Derr, Professor and Extension Ornamental Weed Specialist and Director, VT-HRAREC;
January 17, 21 (Wed)	Turfgrass Disease Management and Tips in Identification and Management of the Predominant Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Diseases	Dr. David McCall, Associate Professor and Turfgrass Pathology Specialist;
January 24, 28 (Wed)	Weed Management Principles in Turfgrass Systems	Dr. Shawn Askew, Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist;

January 31, 4 (Wed)	Best Management Practices that Protect Water Quality	Goatley/Sandor
February 7, 11 (Wed)	Review of Turfgrass Mathematics	Goatley/Sandor: Review Turfgrass Mathematics
February 14, 18 (Wed)	Review week preparation for optional Virginia Tech Certified Turfgrass Professional exams.	
February 21-March 31	Optional Virginia Tech Certified Turfgrass Professional Testing available over this approximately 5+ week period for all students that qualify to sit for the CTP exams.	

