

# The Oregon GCSA Oregon State University Turfgrass Management Application Form

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## Section 1 – Applicant Information

Name Kyle Petersen Date 9/13/2024

Club: Rogue Valley Country Club

Preferred Mailing (Club or home) Address

414 Stevens Rd #32

City Eagle Point State Oregon Zip 97524

Cell Phone (530) 567-0533 Email Petersenk44@yahoo.com

## Section 2 –Employer information if applicant is not an Oregon GCSA Member

Name of Member Craig Hilty

Club: Rogue Vally Country Club

Cell Phone (541) 951-6949 Email craighilty@rvcc.com

Member Since March 1999  
(Month/Year)

Current Classification A

Member's Signature 

## Section 3 – Work History & Activities

List in chronological order work history in related turfgrass industry

Type of work	Employer	Employment dates
Property Restoration/ Landscaping	Self	2016-2020
Turf Maintenance	Rogue Valley Country Club	April 2023 - Current

List your activities outside of work (clubs, organizations, community service, etc.):  
 Hiking, Fishing, Camping, Basketball, Golf, Swimming

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**Section 4 – Applicant Letter of Interest**

Attach a typed letter of interest that does not exceed 500 words. The letter of interest must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA. The letter should cover the following:

1. Why are you interested in completing the Oregon State University (OSU) Turfgrass Management PACE course and how will assist you in your career in the industry?

**Section 5 – Oregon GCSA Member letter of recommendation**

**Non-Oregon GCSA members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from sponsoring Oregon GCSA member. The letter of recommendation must be composed on official letterhead, dated and signed. The letter of recommendation must be original and not previously submitted to Oregon GCSA.

**Oregon GCSA Members:** Attach a letter of recommendation from an industry peer, club management or club member.

**Certification**

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Kyle Petersen*  
 (Applicant's Signature)

9/13/2024  
 (Date)

I, Kyle Petersen, began my golf journey in 2018. I had never played before, but a friend invited me to join him for a round. Despite playing terribly, I had fun and immediately started looking for a set of clubs.

In 2022, my wife, two children, and I moved to Eagle Point, Oregon, where I met my neighbor. We became friends, and he invited me to play more golf. Over time, I found myself enjoying the game more and more.

A few months later, my friend informed me about a job opening at his workplace, Rogue Valley Country Club, in Medford, Oregon. Although I had no direct experience working at a golf course, I had previously accomplished work in property restoration and landscaping. I applied, and after an interview I received a position on the Golf Course Maintenance team. I absolutely love it. Working outside is incredibly rewarding. Each day, I can see the results of my efforts—from maintaining the lush, green grass to witnessing the members enjoying the exceptional course.

After about six months, I approached my supervisor to ask how I could further develop my skills and become more of an asset to the company. I was advised to obtain my Commercial Pesticide Applicator license. I studied for a couple of months, took the tests, and passed in April 2024.

As I continue to work full-time and expand my knowledge, I want to gain a deeper understanding of the behind-the-scenes operations. By furthering my education, I believe I can grow and become the best I can be in this industry. Working my way up in the Golf Course Industry is my goal and the Pace Program would be a great way to continue this climb.

Golf itself is a sport I'm passionate about, but it's the maintenance side that has truly captivated my interest. My passion for the business has grown exponentially, especially because of the professionalism, stability, and the tight-knit, family-like culture within the industry. The supportive RVCC team has solidified my desire to pursue this as a career. I look forward to building an exciting future for myself and my family in this field.

Thank you for your consideration,



Kyle Petersen  
Rogue Valley Country Club



September 06, 2024

Dear Oregon State University Turfgrass Management and Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association selection committee,

My name is Craig Hilty, Golf Course Superintendent at the Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford, Oregon. It is my distinct honor to recommend Kyle Petersen as a recipient for the Pace Course Series Scholarship.

The day Kyle walked through my office door applying for a position on our Golf Course Maintenance team, I recognized immediately his desire to learn and become the best version of himself. This was in spring of 2023. Mr. Petersen immediately gained respect, on a long tenured and already strong team, with his positive attitude, willingness to learn and more importantly as a great listener. Within a very short amount of time, he has learned nearly all aspects of daily maintenance and is trusted with each set up task he may be assigned.

In a short six month period, Kyle continued to press myself and our assistance for more knowledge. Collaboratively, we decided that gaining his Commercial Pesticide Applicators license would be the next route for him to continue his thirst for more knowledge and to become a more valuable teammate. I armed Mr. Petersen with the study material and a deadline, 90 days, to take the tests. Within this timeframe Kyle studied hard, asked many questions and successfully completed his testing. Along side our Plant Protectant Applicator he has helped tremendously with a very rigorous and time-consuming plant protectant program here at RVCC. Kyle was also highly involved with hand watering duties on our greens this past summer. This is not a job that is handed over lightly, as we all know, greens tend to be near the top of the list in how we are judged. This was one of the best years we have had, in my nearly 23 years at RVCC, with Kyle being a large part of this process.

I have been extremely thrilled with Kyle, his attitude, teamwork and willing to be the best he can be for the team and his family. I, Craig Hilty and the entire Rogue Valley Country Club Golf Course Maintenance team, hope you will strongly consider Mr. Kyle Petersen for the Oregon State University Turf Management PACE Course Series Scholarship provided in conjunction with the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association

Respectfully,



Craig Hilty  
Golf Course Superintendent  
Rogue Valley Country Club  
Oregon Golf Course Superintendent Association Member