

About the Program



The Urban Pest Management Program on the UGA Griffin campus has established a 10 week lecture series resulting in a Certificate in Urban and Structural Pest Management. The goal of the program is to provide Georgia's pest management companies new service technicians exposed to various aspects of the industry, and to award current pest management professionals a University of Georgia-sponsored credential.

Continuing education credit will be granted to registered and certified employees.



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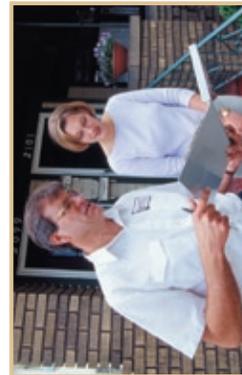
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What is Urban and Structural Pest Management?

Urban and structural pest management is the protection of our property, food, and health from insect and rodent pests commonly found in homes, restaurants, and other businesses. The service technician is the front line of this defense, and thus the backbone of the pest management industry.

Job opportunities

Many of Georgia's 1,200+ pest management companies are continuously searching for dedicated, responsible employees. Generally, service technicians can expect to earn a base salary plus commissions and bonuses. Many companies provide medical, dental, and life insurance; some form of savings plan; and paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave/ personal days.

Who is this certificate for?

- individuals with no experience in the pest management industry, but who are looking to enter a stable and exciting field;
- individuals who, even though they might have extensive pest management experience, would like to energize their career by acquiring a professional credential, and;
- owners and managers of pest management companies looking to improve the skills of current and future employees—i.e., the certificate can be used to help prepare employees for Georgia's registration and/ or certification exam.

The Certificate Program lecture series

Classes are held once per week from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the UGA Griffin Campus. The program's curriculum is designed to expose students to various aspects of the pest management industry, including sales, customer service, and legal affairs. More than half of the program's 10 lectures are about the identification, biology, and management of the most common insect pests found in Georgia's urban environment.



A unique training opportunity

Because a laboratory session is part of each technical lecture, the Certificate Program provides a unique training opportunity even for the most experienced technician. Over the course of the program's various laboratory sessions, students are shown specimens of the 100 or so most common insect pests most likely to be encountered in and around Georgia's urban environment.



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