The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeping training courses.

The directory shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level.

The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, has caused the colleges to re-think their training policies and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting.

Until the report is complete, anyone with a query regarding greenkeeping training should contact the Greenkeepers Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Aine, York YO6 2NF, telephone 0347 838640.
E COURSES AVAILABLE

KEY TO COLOURS

Currently GTC approved as Regional Training Centre, offering courses at Craft, Supervisory and Management levels

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Craft level only

Pending GTC approval for all courses

Please note that all college details on these pages were provided by the colleges themselves. Greenkeeper International takes no responsibility for accuracy of information provided. Contact the colleges direct for prospectuses and comprehensive information.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0JA. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 0727 850561. Golf Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management: Two yer part time, one day per week. Level II. One leading to NVQ Level II. Level II Year Two leading to City & Guilds 022-4. Golf Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management at NVQ Level III. Amenity Horticulture and Greenkeeping Business Management: Part time, one day per week. National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management: One year – full time. All courses commence September 1994.

OTLEY COLLEGE


PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Leaves, East Sussex BN7 3AE. Contact David Blackmur. Tel: 0223 890454. Full time courses: BTEC First Diploma (Greenkeeping Option). Part time courses: NVQ Level I – Amenity Turf Culture Greenkeeping, NVQ Level II Greenkeeping Supervision, NVQ Level III Greenkeeping Management, NVQ Level 4 Greenkeeping Management. FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Off Road Vehicle Certification, Golf Course Engineers Course.

HARTPURY COLLEGE


SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

Sparshol College Hampshire, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants SO21 2NE. Contact Bob Young. Tel: 0962 776441. NVQ Level II and III in Greenkeeping. NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping Supervision, City & Guilds Phase III Enterprise Management. Post year to be offered. City & Guilds Phase IV Management Studies, GTC Greenkeeping Certificate, GTC Certificate in Golf Course Management, FIPA, Short Courses, Chainsaw, Shipwreck. All courses, other than Phase IV, are offered on Block Release. Full residential facilities available.

ELMWOOD COLLEGE

Cupar, Fife KY15 4JB. Contact Carol Borthwick. Tel: 0334 52781. Fax: 0334 567917. Contact the colleges direct for prospectuses and course details.

DUNDEE COLLEGE

Old Glamis Road, Dundee DD3 8L. Contact Graham Carr. Tel: 0382 819021. Fax: 0382 858117. Courses offered: NVQ Units at Level I and II linked with GTC Training Manual; SCOTVEC National Certificate Modules for Greenkeeping; SCOTVEC HNC Units in Horticulture; SCOTVEC HNC Units on Golf Course Management. Duration of courses: 36 weeks from September/October each year; Attendance full-time, block release and day release. Short courses including “Use of Pesticides” available on demand. Registration June and August.

KYLE AND CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Burns House, Burns Statue Square, Ayr KA7 1UT. Contact J Dudgeon. Tel: 0292 281511.

GREENMOUNT COLLEGE

Greenmount College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Antrim, BT14 1PU. Contact Geoff Jenkins. Tel: 0849 462114. Day Release course in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Two year course leading to NVQ – and a Certificate in Greenkeeping for those completing additional working practices/tasks as specified by the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Courses run from September–May.

TEAGASC COLLEGE

Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Contact Pat Suttle. Tel: 010351 371 636. Phase II Greenkeeping – Block Release two weeks, three times per year. Phase III Greenkeeping – Block Release, one week, three times per year.

PENCOED COLLEGE


WELSH COLLEGE

Welsh College of Horticulture, Northop, Mold, Clwyd CH7 6AA. Contact GM Wright. Tel: 0352 840 861. Fax: 0352 840 731. Full time courses: ND – Golf Course Construction Option – equivalent to NVQ Level III. S/N – equivalent to NVQ Level III. BTEC First in Landscaping Golf Greenkeeping NVQ Level II. Part time course: Phase 3 Greenkeeping Management – equivalent to NVQ Level III. NVQ Level IV from Autumn 1993 (if available). NVQ Level I and II Greenkeeping. Short courses: Pesticide PA1, PA2, PA6, I-3 day courses (training and training); COSHH Assessments; Safe lifting and carrying; PRECIP courses.