The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses. This guide 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. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Aire, York YO61 1UF, Tel: 01347 838640.

ASHKAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York YO23 3FR, Contact: The Registry Tel: 01904 772211, National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part time. Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NVQ Level 3 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Crewe CH5 2DQ. Tel: 01785 763355 Fax: 01785 765665 E-mail: reath@fsoe.co.uk Website: www.fsoe.co.uk full time: BTEC First Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 1 year. BTEC National Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 2 years. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part-time: HNC Golf Course Management - Distance Learning. NVQ Level 1 Greenkeeping - Day Release. NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping - Day/Block Release. NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping - Day/Block Release. C&G Phase IV Greenkeeping - Block Release. IOG National Intermediate Diploma in Turf Culture - Day Release. IOG National Diploma - Day Release. Short Courses: FEPA Chemical Safety, Safe Lifting, Chainsaw, Off-Road Vehicle Driving, First Aid. NVQ Level 4.


MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE Bilsborrow, PRESTON, Lancashire PR3 0RY. Contact: Course Enquiries Tel: 01995 64740 Fax: 01995 640842 email: mmailbox@myerscough.ac.uk WWW http://www.myerscough.ac.uk. Full time courses: BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science - 4 years; HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management - 3 years; ND Turf Science and Sportsground Management - 3 years; National Certificate Methodology and Greenkeeping - 1 year. Part time courses: NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance (plus Fast track option); Higher National Diploma Turf Science and Golf Course Management; Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation; FEPA short courses.

RODBASTON COLLEGE Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH. Contact Nigel Foskett. Tel: 01785 712209, Courses offered: NVQ Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 by Day Release. FEPA and chainsaw training.

BROOMFIELD COLLEGE Morley, Ilkeston, Derby DE7 6DN. Contact Admissions Office. Tel: 01332 831345. NVQ Level I and Level II Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release course. Two years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks following guidelines of GTC Training Manual. NVQ Level III gained by 9x 3-day blocks or day release or APL service. Also available TDLB, Pesticides, Chainsaw and First Aid Training.

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL. Contact Brian Cook. Tel: 01926 318268. Greenkeeping courses - NVQ levels 2 and 3 (day release), NVQ levels 2 and 3 underpinning knowledge only (block release), NVQ level 4 (block release), IOG National Intermediate Diploma (evening class), 2-year ND in Horticulture with turf culture option. We also offer short courses in FEPA, Chainsaw, First Aid etc to cater for individual and company training needs. Call us to discuss your requirements.

THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA offers a range of programmes for Greenkeepers including NVQ Levels I, II and III. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact our Milton Campus on 01223 860701 or Student Support at King’s Lynn on 01553 761144 Ext 271.


PLUMPTON COLLEGE, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE. Contact: David Blackburn Tel No: 01273 890454. Full time courses: National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (options in Landscape and Sportsturf), National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture; First Diploma in Horticulture; Part-time courses: NVQ Level I, Level 2 Amenity Horticulture in Decorative, Nursery, Hard Landscape and Sportsturf, Level 3 Amenity in Decorative and Sportsturf, Level 4 Amenity. Also available are RHS General and Diploma and IOG National Technical and National Diploma Unit). Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw courses.

A GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES AND COURSES AVAILABLE

Please note that all the college details published in this guide were supplied by the colleges themselves. Greenkeeper International takes no responsibility for accuracy of information provided. Contact the college directly for up-to-date and comprehensive information.

**SOUTH EAST**

**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE**
Hall Place, Betchworth Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6QR. Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824955

Full-time courses: BTEC First & National Diploma. Part-time courses: GTC Manual - NVQ2 and 3 Amenity, Sports Turf (day & block release); Short courses: FEPA, Horticultural Machinery, Chainsaws, Greenkeeping for Golfers

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**MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE**

**WRITTLE COLLEGE**

**EALING TERTIARY COLLEGE**
Norwood Hall School of Horticulture, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4LA. Contact Declan Gallagher Tel 0181 231 6225 Fax 0181 571 9479. E-mail declan.gallagher@ealingcoll.ac.uk. Full Time courses National Certificate Sports Ground Management, National Diploma in Sports Ground Management. Part Time courses NVQ Levels 2 & 3 Sports Turf Management and Maintenance; IOG Intermediate and National Diploma in Turficulture; FEPA PA1, PA2a, PA6a

**SOUTH WEST**

**CANNINGTON COLLEGE**

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE**

**HARTPURY COLLEGE**

**S W A T E R L A N D S**

**GOSLA TRAINING LTD**
Unit 26, Clydebank Centre, 45 Finnieston Street, Glasgow G3 8JU. Contact Chris Bothwell. Tel: 0141 248 2772 Fax: 0141 248 2453. sec II in Amenity Horticulture will all options including Greenkeeping and GTC Training Manual. Available Day/ Block Release from November- February. Evening classes also available. Short courses including pesticide training, noise assessment, chainsaw and health & safety courses. SVQ III in maintaining sportsturf - Mixture of block and day release. SVQ IV in Amenity Horticulture available from Winter 1998.

**ELMWOOD COLLEGE**
Cupar, Fife KY15 4LB. Contact Carol Borthwick. Tel: 01334 658910 Fax: 01334 658918. Craft Level courses. Full Time National Certificate in Grounds Maintenance, Plus the GTC Maintenance Manual. 6 week specialist modular programme (January-February), including golf course construction, pesticides and plant protection procedures. SVQ level III block release and SVQ level IV coming soon. HNC/ HND Golf Course Management available as full-time, block/day release and distance learning. FEPA. COSHH and Health & Safety short courses also.

**OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**
Broxburn, West Lothian, Near Edinburgh, EH52 6NH. Contact Steve Miller - Tel: 01506 855387 Fax: 01506 855373. E-mail: OATRIDGE_AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.EDU@msn.com. HNC in Golf Course Management and Certificate in Greenkeeping. Block and day release SVQ level II and Level III (GTC and IOG manuals) and Modern Apprenticeship. SVQ's in Groundcare Machinery. Short Courses: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, etc.

**GREENMOUNT COLLEGE**
Greenmount College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Antrim, BT41 4PU. Contact Brian Corr. Tel: 01849 429668. Day release courses leading to (a) GTC Certificate/NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Sportsturf (b) GTC Certificate/ NVQ Level III Golf Course Supervision.

**SCOTLAND**

**OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**
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**TEAGASC COLLEGE**
Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Contact Pat Buttle. Tel: 00353 8374 388. Block release courses in greenkeeping providing Level III Certificates by the National Council of Vocational Awards. Further Education Programme also available.

**IRELAND**

**GREENMOUNT COLLEGE**
Greenmount College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Antrim, BT41 4PU. Contact Brian Corr. Tel: 01849 429668. Day release courses leading to (a) GTC Certificate/NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Sportsturf (b) GTC Certificate/ NVQ Level III Golf Course Supervision.

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