BIGGA is actively involved in raising the standard of Greenkeeper Training. The Association is a member of the Greenkeepers’ Training Committee and strives to enhance the level of education through various means, including Section, Regional and National workshops, seminars and conferences.

The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC. There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.

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Information:
A full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC. The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses. For more information contact the GTC on: 01347 838640 or visit: www.the-gtc.co.uk

Myerscough College is one of the UK’s leading centres of excellence for the delivery of Higher Education courses in Sportsturf and Turfgrass Science. Applications are now invited for the following programmes starting in September 2009

Foundation Degree in Sportsturf
Full-time or online study
BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science
Full-time or online study

Join students from across the world, studying in their own time, using our unique web-based online learning network.

For more information contact Course Enquiries on 01995 642211 or visit www.myerscough.ac.uk

Information: Courses offered at Pencoed include N.V.Q. Levels 2 & 3 Sports Turf, National and Advanced National Certificates NPTC, and Lantra short courses and certification in a range of land based areas including Pesticide Application, PA1, PA2 and PA6. Tractor driving, hedge laying and dry stonewalling etc.

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE
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Information: Located in the heart of the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, plus Higher National Certificate and Foundation Degree programmes. Part-time programmes include the N.V.Q Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. A wide transport network is provided as well as residential accommodation on-site.

BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON CENTRE FOR LAND-BASED STUDIES
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Information: NVQ 2 & 3 apprentice scheme, NVQ 2 & 3 programme-led (new 2009) certificate of higher education in Sports Turf Management, BTEC in Golf Studies (new 2009), FEPA training, Chainsaw certification, Greenkeepers Mechanics training. Note the certificate of higher education and the foundation degree are available as part time options.

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Duchy College offers NVQ 1, 2 & 3 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), HNC Horticulture, NC and ANC Horticulture, RHS Level 2 and Advanced Certificate, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available.
HADLOW COLLEGE
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Information: NVQs (Levels 2 and 3), Apprenticeships and work-based learning courses available in Greenkeeping, Landscaping and Groundsmanship. We also offer a range of short courses, for example, Health & Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw use, Welding and Pesticide Application. Additionally, full and part-time courses (post GCSE through to degree level) are available in horticulture and a variety of other land-based subjects.

MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE
Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU6 8PE
Contact: Information, Guidance and Admissions on 01483 884040, email: mwiwi@guildford.ac.uk.
Website: www.guildford.ac.uk

Information: Part-time courses: NVQ level 2 Sports Turf college day release and workplace visits/assessments. New Level 2 Sports Turf in conjunction with IOG/NPTC. NVQ level 3 Sports Turf on-line distance learning. Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors. Foundation Degree and BSc (Hons) in Horticulture (Sports Turf), plus various NPTC short courses including Irrigation Certificate Course, Turf Maintenance Equipment and Operation of Mowers throughout the year. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.

MYERSCOURCH COLLEGE
Billingeworth, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 0RY
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Tel: 01955 642365 Web: www.myerscourch.ac.uk

Information: Myerscough College is a leading centre for Sports Turf education and training in Europe and has excellent facilities supported by industry. These include a golf course, winter games pitches, an artificial grass pitch, and extensive library, workshop and laboratory resources. Specialist machinery and equipment is used throughout the curriculum to support the development of student learning and understanding of the practical, scientific and technical aspects of their chosen course and career. Courses are available for all levels from Introductory Diploma to an Honours Degree in Turfgrass Science. Courses are available for full-time attendance, part-time or on an Online basis. Our Future Sports Turf and BSc Turfgrass Science courses are uniquely available ONLINE and have students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the American continent. Our Work based Training groups offer NVQs in the workplace from Levels 2-4.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE
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PLUMPTON COLLEGE
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RODBASTEN COLLEGE
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Email: enquiries@rodbaston.ac.uk Web: www.rodbaston.ac.uk

Information: Rodbaston College offers an extensive range of courses, full and part time and day release. Full time programmes include; NPTC Skills for Life, Level One, 1st Diploma, National Award, National Certificate and National Diploma. Higher Education programmes can be studied on a part time basis and include Foundation Degree and the Bsc in Horticulture. Work based learning is available at NVQ 1, NVQ 2 and NVQ 3 and Rodbaston offers very extensive Train2Gain provision. Sports turf and green keeping can be studied to NVQ 2 and NVQ 3 level on a day release basis. The college offers a wide transport network to its learners as well as residential accommodation on site.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE
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Information: Foundation Degree and Higher National Certificate in Golf and Sports Turf Management; National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf; NVQ levels 2 & 3 in Sports Turf; Apprenticeships; NPTC Qualifications; NVQ4
On-site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, football and rugby pitches, Crewe Alexandra training grounds

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE
Merton Morrell Centre, Warwick CV35 9BL
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Information: Greenkeeping courses include: Foundation Degree Sports Turf Management (2 yrs full-time, 3 yrs part-time), NVQ Level 2 & 3 day release and work-based options. NPTC level 2 National Certificate Sports & Amenity Turf Management (1 yr full-time, 2 yrs part-time). A full list of horticulture, landscape design, Arboriculture and Floristry courses available at all levels. Short courses include: Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance, Pesticide Application, Fences/Wooden Structures, Landscape Design, Tractor Driving, Hedgelaying and more. Warwickshire College also offer a range of land-based courses, areas include: Animal Welfare, Equine and Agriculture.