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.

**SCOTLAND**

**ELMWOOD COLLEGE**
Cups, fife, KY13 4JG
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Web: www.elmwood.ac.uk


**LANGSIDE COLLEGE**
Rutherglen Campus, Buchanan Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 3PF
Contact: William O’Neill
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Email: wconell@langside.ac.uk


**GOSTA TRAINING LTD**
50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB
Contact: Chris Bothwell
Tel: 0141 556 3999  Fax: 0141 556 4999
Email: learnt@gostatraining.co.uk

Information: SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsurf including other options and GTC Training Manual. Attendance Day release from November - March. Distance Learning also available. Short courses with certification include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Risk Assessment, Abrasive Wheels, Full Range of Machinery Courses, Manual Handling and Fire Extinguisher training. Consultancy service for Health and Safety Policy development, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use system, COSHH and Noise Assessment.

**OATRIDGE COLLEGE**
Ecclesmachan, By Bredburn, West Lothian, EH51 6NH
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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

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

**BRIDG WATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON CENTRE FOR LAND-BASED STUDIES**

Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS

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Website: www.duch.ac.uk


Note the certificate of higher education and the foundation degree are available as part time options.

**DUCHY COLLEGE**

Cornwall’s College of the Countryside
Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PB
Duchy College, Rosewarne, Cambourne, Cornwall, TR14 0AB

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Website: www.duch.ac.uk

Information: 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.
ENGLAND

HADLOW COLLEGE
Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL
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Website: www.hadlow.ac.uk

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.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE
Ditchling Road, Plumpton, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE
Contact: David Blackmur
Tel: 01273 890465 Fax: 01273 890071
Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk
Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVe)

Information: Foundation degree in Horticulture and Garden Design, National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award, First Diploma in Horticulture
Part time courses: NVQ Level 1, NVQ Level 2 in Landscaping, Decorative and Sports turf, NVQ Level 3: Sports Turf, NVQ level 4, Also RHS Certificate and RHS Advanced, IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma Short courses available: FEPA spraying and chainsaw. Bespoke training following training needs analysis (TNA).

MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE
Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PF
Contact: Information, Guidance and Admissions on 01483 884048, email: mwiinfo@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.

RODBASTEN COLLEGE
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Warwickshire College
Moorend Mount Centre, Warwick CV3 5BL
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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, arbiculture and floristry courses available at all levels. Short Courses include: Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance, Pesticide Application, Fences, Wodden Structures, Landscape Design, Tractor Driving, Hedgleying and more. Warwickshire College also offer a range of land-based courses, areas include: Animal Welfare, Equine and Agriculture.