

Greenkeeper Training



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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SCOTLAND

ELMWOOD COLLEGE

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Full-time and Part-time National Certificate Greenkeeping. Block release/fast track and workbased learning options for SVQ Level 2 and Level 3. ILM Level 3 & 4 Management. HNC and HND Golf Course Management available both online/ distance learning and full-time/ part-time options. HNC/HND Golf Facility Management. Sportsturf Courses available. SVQ Level 2 & 3 in Landbased Service Engineering and Golf Course Mechanics Courses. Abrasive Wheel, BTLIA/NPTC Irrigation Course, Chainsaw, Tree Climbing and Rescue Techniques, Spraying and Noroso Certification/Courses.

LANGSIDE COLLEGE

Rutherglen Campus,
Buchanan Drive,
Rutherglen,
Glasgow, G73 3PF



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SVQ, SGA, HNC, HND, Full time and part time courses in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship, Golf Course Management, Horticulture, Land and Environment and Applied Ecology. Short courses for land-based industries including Pesticides.

GOSTA TRAINING LTD

50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB



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Email: learn gostatraining.co.uk

SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsturf 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 Broxburn,
West Lothian, EH52 6NH



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Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping; SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Day and Block Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf (Day Release and Fast Track); NC's HNCs, SVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subject; NPTC/LANTRA short courses in Pesticides Spraying, Chainsaws, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATVs etc; Other Specific short courses on demand.

ENGLAND

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

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Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR
Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211
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National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture (with Sportsturf route) Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Management or Arboriculture. All available full or part-time. Block release courses: NVQ Levels 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

TRAINING PROVIDERS/ COURSES GUIDE



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



Full-time and online study

Myerscough College invites applications for Degree courses starting in September 2010.

Foundation Degree in Sportsturf

Foundation Degree Sportsturf and Golf Course Management

BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science

BSc (Hons) Sportsturf and Golf Management

R&A Bursaries available to many students



Myerscough College's Degree programmes are validated by the University of Central Lancashire

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For more information call **01995 642211** or visit **www.myerscough.ac.uk**

BCA

Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 6QR

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Your local further and higher education College, serving the Thames Valley.



Located in the heart of the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training. Programmes include the National Certificate, Advanced Certificate and Advanced National Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time programmes include the NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture and RHS programmes, as well as PA1, PA2 and PA6 and various short courses. A wide transport network is provided as well as residential accommodation on-site.

DUCHY COLLEGE

Cornwall's College of the Countryside



Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PB
Duchy College, Rosewarne, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 0AB

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Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), HNC Horticulture, NC and ANC Horticulture, RHS Level 2 Certificate, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short legislative courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available.

EAST DURHAM COLLEGE

Houghall Campus, Durham DH1 3SG

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Web: www.eastdurham.ac.uk



Houghall campus is located to the east of Durham City bounded by the River Wear and the A177. The College has excellent resources for the provision of land-based programmes. Entry 2-L4 full and part-time programmes are offered in Arboriculture, Floristry, Horticulture, Sports-turf, Environmental Conservation, NPIC block and short courses on demand.

HADLOW COLLEGE

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Work based levels 2 and 3 qualifications in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping for Apprenticeship and Fee payers. We also offer a range of short courses, for example Health and 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 variety of other land based subjects. There is train to gain funding available subject to eligibility.

ENGLAND

MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE



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Website: www.guildford.ac.uk.

Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, National Certificate Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors. Also, NVQ Level 4 Sportsturf Management, plus throughout the year various NPTC Certificate of Competence including: Automatic Turf Irrigation, Turf Maintenance Equipment, Mowers, PA1, 6 & 2, Tractors, Trimmers and Chainsaw. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice on courses and funding. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE



Mantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF
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or Chard Spicer
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Email: enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk
Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Part time, block release courses include level 2, level 3 Certificate and Diploma in work based Horticulture (Sports Turf-Green keeper). NVQ level 4 Sports turf (Distance Learning). Our work based learning group offer apprenticeships in the work place. BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture/Sports Turf option, BTEC National Diploma in Sports Performance and Facilities Management endorsed by Premier League, Football league.
Short Courses include Pesticide application (PA1/PA2/PA6) Chainsaw operation, Safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programs available on request. On site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, rugby, football pitches and Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE



Bilsborrow, Preston,
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Myerscough College is a pioneering centre for Sportsturf Education and Training in Europe. Courses are available at all levels from Introductory Diploma to Honours Degrees in Turfgrass Science and Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. There are options for full-time and part-time study with our FdSc Sportsturf and BSc Turfgrass Science courses uniquely available ONLINE also and having students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. A new "Top-Up" BSc Degree in Sportsturf and Golf Course Management is now available for those already holding FdSc or HND qualifications in Sportsturf. Our Work Based Training group offer NVQ's in the workplace from levels throughout the UK.

SOUTHSTAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE



Penkridge, Staffordshire ST19 5PH
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South Staffordshire College offers an extensive range of courses, full, 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 South Staffordshire 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.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE



St Albans Smallford Campus,
Hatfield Road, St Albans,
Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA

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Full time courses: National Certificate in Sports Turf Management and Horticulture. Part Times courses: WBD (NVQ) Level 2 and 3 in Greenkeeping

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE



Sparsholt College Hampshire
(incorporating Andover College Campus)
Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 :

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Telephone: 01962 797213
Email: enquiry@sparsholt.ac.uk
Web: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

NVQ and Advanced Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf). ND Sport – Golf Academy. Short-courses accredited by NPTC , LANTRA Or NVQ in chainsaw operation, pesticides, tree felling and clearing, arboriculture and machinery maintenance.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE



Ditchling Road, Plumpton, NR Lewes,
East Sussex, BN7 3AE

Tel: 01273 890454
Fax: 01273 890071
Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk
Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk

Foundation Degree in Horticulture and Garden Design, Levels 2 and 3 Diploma in Horticulture
Part time Courses: Work based Diploma: Levels 1 and 2 in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping. Level 3: Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping. NVQ level 4. Also RHS Certificate and RHS Advanced. Short courses available. FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw. Bespoke training, following Training Needs Analysis. (TNA)

THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA – CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS



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Cambridgeshire CB24 6DB

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Full time courses: National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (1 year, level 2 qualification); BTEC National Pathway in Horticulture with Sports Turf Management (1 or 2 years, level 3 qualification which includes National Award, Certificate and Diploma)
Part time courses: NVQ Level 2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping); NVQ Level 3 Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf); NPTC Qualifications i.e. pesticides PA1, PA6, PA2
Apprenticeships: Apprenticeship in Greenkeeping