



Level:	Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2)
Typical Duration:	24 Months
Delivery Model:	Work-based
Delivery Location:	Nationwide
Start Date:	Throughout the Year



Introduction to the Programme

A Golf Greenkeeper is responsible for the maintenance, care and overall appearance of a golf course in line with employer's requirements. It is their job to maintain a good quality playing surface and ensure the course offers a consistent challenge and an enjoyable experience for golfers.

There are four key turf grass areas on a golf course – greens, tees, fairways and areas of rough, each of which requires a different type of maintenance. Using a range of equipment and machinery safely and competently will play a major part within an apprentices training programme. Golf Greenkeepers will also be involved in hazard, environmental and ecological operations which may include bunker maintenance, planting turf, trees, shrubs and developing wildlife habitats



Duration

This apprenticeship will typically take 24 months to complete. The length may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in this sector.



Entry requirements

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade D/3 including maths and English OR a Vocational qualification Level 1, plus GCSE grade D/3 in both maths and English.

NB: English & maths Functional Skills Level 1 will be accepted as an alternative to GCSEs.



Costs

Costs will be dependent on several factors such as age of apprentice and size of employer. The cost may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in this sector. Please contact us for more information.



Delivery Location

Delivery is work-based using blended learning technologies on the employer's premises. There is an expectation that 20% of the working week will be off the job training, which is a legal requirement.



Knowledge, Skills & Behaviour gained

Throughout the programme, apprentices will work towards gaining the following knowledge, skills & behaviours:

Knowledge

Have an understanding of:

- Identification their role in monitoring and maintaining health and safety within the workplace.
- Identification of a number of grasses, weeds, pests, diseases, turf disorders, plants and trees.
- The primary aspects of soil and plant biology to include the process of germination – photosynthesis, respiration and transpiration
- The principles of mowing and machine maintenance and their operation
- The need and implications of rolling, verti-cutting, scarification and aeration
- The strategies for controlling weeds, pests, diseases and turf disorders
- How fertilisers, top dressing and chemicals affect playing surfaces
- How course maintenance practices affect the environment
- Basic information technology
- Be aware of the importance of the Rules of Golf and golf course etiquette
- Recognise the importance of environmental and ecological best practice
- The operation of irrigation, drainage systems and their maintenance

Skills

Have the ability to:

- Maintain good standards of health and safety for self and others
- Preparing the golf course for play which will include removing early morning dew and debris from the greens, raking bunkers, moving tee markers, cutting new holes on greens
- Preparing and using equipment and machinery to maintain and renovate all turf surfaces within the golf course, including the use of tractors, ride-on machines, and specialist equipment
- Apply turf treatments to help produce quality playing surfaces, including fertilisers and top dressing using a variety of integrated methods to control weeds, fungal diseases, pests and turf disorders
- Maintain and renovate bunkers and other hazards such as water features
- Maintain drainage and irrigation systems
- Preparing ground to establish turf and plants when maintaining, renovating and constructing golf course features

Behaviours

Have the required behaviours including:

- Have a strong work ethic including pride in work, attention to detail, integrity and time management



- Have a flexible positive attitude to work
- Ability to work as a lone worker and as a member of a team
- A willingness to learn and contribute to their own continuing professional development
- Having a safety mind-set for self, colleagues and golfers
- A clear and effective communicator who can use a variety of communication methods to give/receive information accurately and in a timely and positive manner
- Problem solving and effective decision making



End Point Assessment

At a point where employer, tutor and apprentice feel is appropriate, apprentices will undertake an end point assessment, which is carried out by a separate approved organisation, independent from Myerscough College.

The end point assessment will contain 3 components:

- Synoptic Underpinning Knowledge Paper
- Synoptic Practical Assessment
- Personal Statement

There will be 3 levels of achievement: Pass, Merit & Distinction

In the unlikely event of an apprentice needing to resit an End Point Assessment (or elements of the End Point Assessment), then the employer will be responsible for funding these additional costs.



Progression

This standard is recognised by the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA), the Professional Body for Greenkeepers. At the start of the apprenticeship the apprentice will be registered with BIGGA. Upon completion of this standard the apprentice will be eligible to join BIGGA as a full member and become a BIGGA Accredited Greenkeeper.

The successful apprentice will have the opportunity to progress on to a higher level apprenticeship standard.

Job opportunities will also be enhanced for those apprentices who have completed the programme with promotion to more senior positions within a golf club facility or the option to progress by working in other sports facilities such as a Grounds Maintenance Operator/Technician.

How to apply

In order to start the enrolment process we need an **Online Application Form** to be completed & submitted. You can do this by contacting the Employer Services Team.

Telephone: 01995 642255, Email: employerenquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

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