BISHOP BURTON College

Level 3 Sports Turf Technician Advanced Apprenticeship

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Horticulture	Level 3	Full-Time	24 months + EPA	Any Time

The Course

Are you looking to further your career in the horticulture industry? This apprenticeship could be perfect for you. As an apprentice you will be in a position of responsibility in your role at work. You will supervise staff and the plan the maintenance, care and appearance of sport's surfaces. Your work environment may be in athletics, bowls, cricket, croquet, football, golf, hockey, equestrian events, rugby league and union, and tennis. Venues include public parks, sports clubs, schools, first class stadia, training facilities and golf courses.

Course Aims

- Develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours for employment and future career progression within the sports ground industry.

What You Will Study

- Health, safety, environmental and employment legislation and regulations
- Plant, soil science and plant growth regulators
- Principles of surfactants for maintaining sports turf
- Control weeds, pests, diseases and disorders
- Preparation of playing surfaces
- Basic design layouts of irrigation and drainage
- Calculate precipitation rates
- Gather agronomic and playability data
- Renovation and establishment of a sports turf facility
- Train and mentor staff

Entry Requirements

GCSE at grade 4/C in English and maths are preferred. You must also pass an initial assessment, secure work as an apprentice in a relevant role and have one satisfactory reference.

Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through a range of practical and theory-based lessons. On occasion lessons may be delivered online to support your learning and progress.

Time Required on Campus

You will be released from work one day per week to undertake training at the college.

Work Experience

You will be employed within the horticulture sports industry, working 30 – 40 hours per week.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through end point assessment (EPA) and graded pass, merit or distinction.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- Stationery i.e., pens, paper
- An electronic device such as a laptop to access online learning
- Boots, heavy duty gloves and appropriate outdoor wear

Progression

Higher-level apprenticeships e.g., Golf course manager.

Careers

You may progress within the industry to a higher-level position such as head groundsperson, head greenkeeper, pitch manager.

Financial Information

Find the full details of the fees associated with this programme and the financial support available on our https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/degree-level-courses/information/fees-and-finance.

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