

# PGM Associate Program Details

Those following the PGA Associate pathway will need to satisfy all requirements to register as a PGA Associate, including the PGA Playing Ability Test requirements, the PGM Qualifying Test, the background check and eligible employment at a PGA-Recognized Golf Facility.

## Qualifying Level

- Register for Qualifying Level
- Complete Qualifying Level Courses:
  - Introduction to the PGA PGM
  - History of the PGA
  - The PGA Constitution
  - The Rules of Golf A
  - Career Enhancement A
- To purchase access (\$200) to the PGA PGM Program Qualifying Level courses, [click here](#).
- Pass Qualifying Test
- Document qualifying Playing Ability Test score
- Document eligible employment
- Register and purchase Level 1 materials and online access ([click here](#) to view and/or download PGA PGM Program curriculum information)

## PGA PGM Level 1

- Applicants pay associate fees and Level 1 online courses fees. Pre-seminar activities must be completed prior to attending Level 1 seminars.
- **Teaching and Coaching 1:** Core content on learning, teaching, elements of the game, club performance, and player development with emphasis on beginning players
- **Facility Management 1:** Core content about business, customer service, and key operations at golf facilities
- **Pre-Seminar Activities:** PGA Associates are required to complete and document pre-seminar activities before attending the seminars. These activities are designed to facilitate discussions during seminar learning activities.
- **Seminars:** The seminars listed below last two- to three-days each, for a total of five days, at the PGA Education Center in Port St. Lucie, Florida.
  - **Teaching and Coaching 1:** Group discussions and instruction-related simulations and experiences
  - **Facility Management 1:** Discussion and group projects centering on PGA models and core operations Business Planning, Customer Relations, Introduction to Teaching/Club
  - **Performance and Tournament Operations:** Golf Car Fleet Management is a self-study course.
- **Work Experience Portfolio:** The work experience portfolio emphasizes activities linked to on-the-job application and performance. These activities include a combination of subject-specific tasks and integrated projects that PGA Associates complete at each level.
- **Knowledge Tests:** PGA Associates must pass a knowledge test at each level before moving on to the next level. The test will be comprised of multiple-choice and true/false items linked to each of the content domains listed above.
  - **PSI Testing Center** – See below

## Level 2

- **Teaching and Coaching 2:** Application of content linked to learning, teaching, elements of the game, club performance, with an emphasis on intermediate players
- **Facility Management 2:** Application of The PGA business and customer relations models in the context of multiple operations
- **Pre-Seminar Activities:** PGA Associates are required to complete and document pre-seminar activities before attending the seminars. These activities are designed to facilitate discussions during seminar learning activities.
- **Seminars:** The seminars listed below last two to three days each, for a total of five days, at the PGA Education Center in Port St. Lucie, Florida.
  - **Teaching and Coaching 2:** Application of instruction-related practices at golf facilities through group projects and simulations
  - **Facility Management 2:** Application of business, customer relations, and operations concepts through projects and simulations
- **Work Experience Portfolio:** The work experience portfolio emphasizes activities linked to on-the-job application and performance. These activities include a combination of subject-specific tasks and integrated projects that PGA Associates complete at each level.
- **Knowledge Tests:** PGA Associates must pass a knowledge test at each level before moving on to the next level. The test will be comprised of multiple-choice and true/false items linked to each of the content domains listed above.
  - **PSI Testing Center** – See below

## Level 3

- **Teaching and Coaching 3:** Integrated perspective of business aspects, learning, teaching, elements of the game, club fitting and physical performance with emphasis on advanced players
- **Facility Management 3:** Integration of critical business, customer relations, supervision, and operational functions from a management perspective
- **Pre-Seminar Activities:** PGA Associates are required to complete and document pre-seminar activities before attending the seminars. These activities are designed to facilitate discussions during seminar learning activities.
- **Seminars:** The seminars listed below last two to three days each, for a total of five days, at the PGA Education Center in Port St. Lucie, Florida.
  - **Teaching and Coaching 3:** Integration of teaching, player development, and business practices through group projects and simulations
  - **Facility Management 3:** A team focused management simulation consisting of integrating operations and management functions
- **Work Experience Portfolio:** The work experience portfolio emphasizes activities linked to on-the-job application and performance. These activities include a combination of subject-specific tasks and integrated projects that PGA Associates complete at each level.
- **Knowledge Tests:** PGA Associates must pass a knowledge test at each level before moving on to the next level. The test will be comprised of multiple-choice and true/false items linked to each of the content domains listed above.
  - **PSI Testing Center** – See below

I highly recommend you reach out to PGA Members Services 1-800-474-2776 for any additional assistance as well.




**Find a test date**

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Exam: Advanced Teaching and Golf Club Fitting  
Sponsor: Professional Golfers Association (PGA)

**Test Center Selection**

Country:  Zip or City:   

**Choose one or more test centers, then click the 'Continue' button to view available dates for scheduling:**

Distance	Test Center Name	Address
<input type="checkbox"/> 56.1 miles	COUNCIL BLUFFS	1705 MCPHERSON,SUITE 300,COUNCIL BLUFFS,Iowa,51503
<input type="checkbox"/> 56.1 miles	Council Bluffs - Advanced Air Inc.*DNS	101 McCandless Lane, Suite 1,Council Bluffs Airport,Council Bluffs,Iowa,51503
<input type="checkbox"/> 115.1 miles	Sioux City - Western Iowa Tech Comm Coll	4647 Stone Ave,Robert H Kiser Bldg-Rm 258,Sioux City,Iowa,51106
<input type="checkbox"/> 132.7 miles	Kearney - University of Nebraska at Kearney (PAN)	1402 W. 26th Street Otto Olsen Bldg, Rm 130D,Kearney,Nebraska,68845
<input type="checkbox"/> 161.1 miles	WEST DES MOINES	1001 OFFICE PARK RD,SUITE 315,W. DES MOINES,Iowa,50265