

NEED HELP?

Contact the **Northern Ohio PGA** to be put into contact with one of our PGA Professionals to help you along the way!
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Northern Ohio Section

ROADMAP TO BECOMING A PGA PROFESSIONAL

****A total of 28 work experience credits must be earned in addition to fulfilling the PGA PGM Program. (One credit per month while eligibly employed full time.) 12 credits are awarded for a four year college degree and six credits for a two year college degree.****

Great Job! Have you completed the Qualifying Level?
Yes No

Have you Completed the Background Check?
Yes No

Make sure you have your birth date, social security number, and a valid credit card for the \$58.99 fee. Go to <https://pga.trackingtalent.com/opportunities/pga-membership-background-check> to register for a background check.

Have you completed a Player Ability Test?
Yes No

Applicants need to purchase and review the five qualifying level courses: Introduction to the PGM and the Golf Profession, PGA History, PGA Constitution, Rules of Golf, and Career Enhancement and pass all of the online quizzes. You will sign up through pga.org; if you do not have a pga.org account, sign up below!
<https://account.pga.org/signup>

Did you pass the 36-hole Player Ability Test?
Yes No

Before you can register as an associate, you must have a USGA handicap index of 10 or less, shoot one 18-hole score in a PAT that is equal to or less than the PAT target score for 18- holes plus 5 strokes, or pass the 36-hole Player Ability Test (for example, if the course rating is 72, the target score for the 36 holes would be 159). You can register for a PAT at the following website:
<https://apps.pga.org/patinfo/patsearch.cfm>

Do you have eligible employment? Go to the following to see if you have eligible employment:
<https://www.pga.org/membership/associate-program/associate-registration-eligibility/>
Yes No

Find a job in the golf industry by clicking on the link below:
<https://jobs.pga.org/>

You are now eligible to apply to become a PGA Associate! You must complete the application form and send it to Membershipapps@pgahq.com. Please allow a week or two for processing.

Acceptable Progress

- Level 1 must be successfully completed within three years of the Level 1 Start Date
- Level 2 must be successfully completed within three years of the Level 2 Start Date
- Level 3 and election to PGA Membership must be successfully accomplished within nine years of the Level 1 Start Date

Failure to complete Level 1 or 2 within three years of the Level's start date will result in suspension. Failure to exit suspension by the end of two years will result in termination from the PGA PGM Program.

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