



PGA of Canada Master Professional Designation

Master Professional Application Process Overview:

All PGA of Canada professionals are classified by categories according to his or her education, years of experience, contributions to the game and other relevant factors. Achieving Master Professional status is the highest designation a PGA of Canada professional can ascend to. This designation represents a demonstration of in-depth knowledge of an area of expertise in the golf industry. A Master Professional will share this knowledge through a thesis contributing to the body of information and resources in the Canadian golf industry.

The Master Professional Review Committee (composed of the Director of Education, a National Master Facilitator, a Class “A” member in the same area of expertise as the applicant, the chairman of Education Committee, and an academic advisor) oversees and recommends course of action to the PGA of Canada National Board for the obtainment of Master Professional status.

Do you meet the following criteria?

1. Class “A” member in good standing with the PGA of Canada
2. Minimum of ten (10) years as a Class “A” member
3. Minimum of five (5) years in relative area of expertise

In order to apply, the applicant must include:

1. Application form
2. Proposed thesis statement
3. Release form

Submit application package (via email, fax, or mail) to:

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Master Professional Process:

1. Applicant reviews application criteria and submits application package to Director of Education.
2. Application package is reviewed by Master Professional Review Committee
3. Feedback and/or approval from Review Committee will be provided to applicant by Director of Education
4. Thesis submitted by Applicant within twenty four (24) months of acceptance of the application for Master Professional
5. Applicant's sixty (60) minute oral defence of thesis to review committee
6. Recommendation from the Review Committee will go to the PGA of Canada's National Board for acceptance of Application and pending Master Professional status.
7. If Master Professional application is approved, the final thesis will be permanently placed in PGA of Canada library and website.

Other:

- Class "A" Member must be current in the relative area of expertise in order to move on to Master status
- Class "A" Member may be asked to serve on Professional Review Committee
- Class "A" Member not required to maintain area of expertise once Master Professional designation has been achieved

THESIS GUIDELINES

Proposed thesis statement:

The thesis statement must include the following details:

- Information about the overall goals of the proposal
- The proposed methods of research such as literature review and data collection

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Presentation Guidelines for Thesis

FORM AND CONTENT:

1. The thesis for Master Professional must be a minimum of 3,500 words.
2. All theses are to be presented using the APA Formatting and Style Guide. Please go to this link for complete instructions. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
3. The final thesis will be permanently placed in the PGA of Canada Library. Should any Master Professional request that their thesis be removed from this library, the designation of Master Professional shall be removed from their file and they must cease to use this title in any correspondence or promotions.
4. Theses must be completed within twenty four (24) months of the acceptance of the application for Master Professional.
5. The applicant must make a sixty (60) minute oral defence of their thesis to the review committee consisting of a fifteen (15) minute presentation followed by a forty-five (45) minute question and answer session by the review committee. This presentation shall be conducted via a conference call format. Should the applicant fail their oral defence, they may attempt it one additional time on the recommendation of the review committee. If any applicant fails the oral defence twice, they shall not be eligible to have a thesis reviewed for a period of three years. The final decision on the acceptance or rejection of the thesis shall be made by a majority vote of the review committee.
6. All applicants must sign a release form relinquishing all commercial rights for the text and picture and give to the PGA of Canada the right to publicize all of the material contained within the thesis paper.