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Golf lovers, take heart.

Keiser University has opened a golf management program in St. Lucie West near PGA Village. Students who complete the 16-month program earn an associate of science degree in golf management.

University officials say Port St. Lucie was an attractive choice because of its proximity to PGA Village. Students in the program will be able to play at PGA golf courses.

The program prepares students for a variety of golf-related careers, including operations or maintenance of golf courses, golf instruction and hospitality and recreation.

The for-profit, private university has its main campus in Fort Lauderdale as well as a dozen satellite campuses throughout the state. The campus in Port St. Lucie is its only location on the Treasure Coast. Keiser also has agreements with universities in China and Moldova to serve international students.