

# NICHOLAS WHEELER

## *Aspiring Golf Course Superintendent*

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Dedicated turfgrass professional with 7+ years of progressively responsible experience at an 18-hole private country club and a multi-use golf and learning facility. Certified pesticide applicator and GCSAA member with completed agronomic and business certificate training. Proven track record in crew leadership, irrigation management, chemical applications, and maintaining pristine playing conditions. Ready to take the next step in a larger-scope role — whether as a Senior Assistant Superintendent on a more complex property or transitioning into a first Superintendent position — bringing the hands-on expertise, credentialed background, and leadership foundation to make an immediate impact.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

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<b>Crew Management</b>	Led and directed crews of 12+ employees; trained staff on equipment safety and proper technique
<b>Chemical Applications</b>	Licensed applicator: pre/post-emergents, foliar, fertility, wetting agents, disease control, PGRs
<b>Irrigation</b>	Irrigation repair, leak diagnosis, system management, and Bentgrass moisture monitoring
<b>Course Operations</b>	Daily scheduling, bunker maintenance and renovation, sod and sprig installation
<b>Agronomic Knowledge</b>	Turfgrass agronomy certificate; growing-degree-day awareness; short-grass regulation
<b>Course Development</b>	Experience in course design planning and course expansion projects

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### **Assistant Superintendent | Clarksville Country Club | April 2023 – Present | Clarksville, TN**

- Assist superintendent in planning and executing daily agronomic operations for an 18-hole private course
- Organize and direct crew assignments each morning to ensure efficient, complete course maintenance
- Lead weekly fertility spray programs targeting greens; monitor turf response and adjust rates seasonally
- Manage irrigation scheduling and personally repair system leaks to maintain consistent moisture levels
- Regulate all short-grass areas (greens, tees, fairways) throughout the growing season for optimal playability
- Conduct regular meetings with head superintendent to review course conditions, upcoming projects, and standards
- Train new staff members on equipment operation, safety protocols, and agronomic best practices

#### **Assistant Superintendent In Training | River Club Golf & Learning Center | August 2021 – April 2023 | Clarksville, TN**

- Maintained a 9-hole course and large practice facility; responsible for all mowing categories (tees, fairways, surrounds, greens)
- Monitored and hand-watered Bentgrass greens; developed intuition for moisture management and stress prevention
- Shadowed assistant superintendent in daily crew management, scheduling, and decision-making processes

- Developed foundational skills in turfgrass identification, equipment maintenance, and course presentation standards

**Course Maintenance Crew Member** | **Clarksville Country Club** | *May 2019 – August 2021* | Clarksville, TN

- Performed full range of maintenance tasks on an 18-hole course: mowing tees, fairways, greens, and surrounds
- Maintained and raked bunkers daily to ensure consistent sand distribution and playable conditions
- Executed weedeating and edging of curbs, steps, and cart paths for a polished course appearance
- Hand-watered Bentgrass greens during summer heat stress periods to prevent dry spots and turf loss

**Baseball Field Groundskeeper (Student)**

*Austin Peay State University Baseball Program* | *August 2019 – December 2023* | Clarksville, TN

- Prepared baseball field for games and practices; responsibilities included mowing, edging, and irrigation
- Gained additional exposure to sports turf management alongside golf course career

## **EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

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**GCSAA – Golf Course Superintendents Association of America**

- Member since 2020
- Assistant Superintendent Certificate Series
- Principles of Golf Course Agronomy Certificate — April 2026
- Principles of Golf Course Business Certificate — April 2026

**Tennessee Pesticide Applicator License**

- Licensed since May 2025

**Austin Peay State University**

- Bachelor of Science – Health & Human Performance, December 2023