Curriculum Vitae



James R. Pond, MS, PGA, PES, GFS

With 25 years of experience in the golf industry, including the last 7 years dedicated to education, health, fitness, and wellness, I am committed to enhancing individuals' physical strength, stress management, and sense of purpose for improved quality of life. Through integrated golf performance training, I help players of all skill levels.

Business Address

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Education

Doctor of Health Science (Candidate), Concentration: Exercise Leadership PennWest University Global Online – California, PA

Master of Science in Exercise Science and Sports Studies, Concentration: Performance Enhancement and Injury Prevention California University of Pennsylvania – California, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts, Concentration: Professional Golf Management California University of Pennsylvania – California, PA

Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

2022-Present
Program Director, Professional Golf Management
PennWest California, California, PA
Tenure-Track Faculty

2017-2022

Instructor / Assistant Professor, Exercise Science and Sport Studies California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

2017-2022

Assistant Director / Internship Coordinator, PGM Program California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

Golf Industry Employment

2012-2017

PGA Head Golf Professional Lone Pine Country Club, Washington, PA

2006-2012

Assistant Golf Professional Valley Brook Country Club, McMurray, PA

2005-2006

Assistant Golf Professional Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA

Business Partner Experience

2013–2017 Staff Professional Titleist Golf Company, Carlsbad, CA

Faculty Service and Committees

- 2019 Tournament Rules Official for the PIAA West Regional Championship
- 2017-Present Faculty Advisor, Professional Golf Management Student Society

Professional Presentations and Publications

- Pond, J. (2025, July 10). The Rich Conwell Golf Show [Radio Show]
- Pond, J. (2025, May 27). Fostering the profession [Podcast] Golf Business University Getting better Now Episode 1106
- Pond, J. (2023, January) Promoting a culture of health and wellness [Article]. Customer Engagement and Marketing. *GFAA Monthly*
- Pond, J. (2023, January 26). Using your club to promote health and wellness [Conference presentation]. 2023 PGA Show, Orlando, FL, United States.
- Pond, J. & Parrish, T. (2022, January 25). The four pillars of player performance [Conference presentation]. 2022 PGA Show, Orlando, FL, United States.
- Pond, J. (2021, May). Provide weekly challenges that promote fitness. [GFAA Best Practice Article]
- Pond, J., Barroner, J., & Hatton, J. (2020, October 19). What is golf performance training [Conference presentation]. Technogym Sport and Performance Summit – Golf Edition, Online Summit.

- Pond, J. (2020, May 19). Fueling for golf [Keynote address]. Kuhn Golf Learning Center, Peters Township, PA, United States.
- Pond, J. (2020). Fueling for golf [Keynote address]. One Under Golf, Cincinnati, OH, United States (Zoom Session).
- Pond, J. (2017, September 6). Career pathways through professional golf management. [Keynote address]. California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA, United States.
- Pond, J. (2012, December 5). Creating your unique career path [Keynote address]. California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA, United States.

Professional Affiliations

- 2012-Present Committee Member, Tri-State PGA Mentoring and Assistant/Associate Committee
- 2005–Present Member, Tri-State PGA Section
- 2005–Present Member, Professional Golfers' Association of America

Certifications

- 2022 Lynn Blake Certified Golf Instructor
- 2020 TrackMan Golf Level 1 and 2 Certified
- 2020 KCoach KVest 3D Golf Analysis Level 1
- 2020 The Golf Lab Golf Engineer Level 1
- 2020 TechnoGym Golf Fitness Specialization
- 2019 NASM Golf Fitness Specialist
- 2019 NASM Performance Enhancement Specialist
- 2016-Present U.S. Kids Golf Certified Coach
- 2011-Present Class A PGA Professional
- 2007 Passed the PGA Playing Ability Test
- 2006-Present Certified Club Fitting Specialist (TaylorMade, PING, Mizuno, Titleist)

Honors and Awards

- 2024 Bill Strausbaugh Award Winner (Tri-State Section)
- 2023 PGA Player Development Award Winner (Tri-State Section)
- 2023 PGA Professional Development Award Winner (Tri-State Section)
- 2021 PGA Professional Development Award Winner (Tri-State Section)
- 2019 Presidential Scholar, California University of Pennsylvania

Industry Shows and Conferences

- 2014-Present PGA of America, Annual Merchandise Show and Conference, Orlando, FL
- 2007-Present Tri-State PGA, Biannual Meetings
- 2016–2017 Coach Camp for Golf Instructors, Savannah, GA and Bluffton, SC

Academic Instruction Experience

On-Campus Courses Instructed

- PGM 100/PGMT 1000 Introduction to Professional Golf Management
- PGM 150/PGMT 1500 Teaching Golf I
- PGM 200/PGMT 2000 Intermediate Topics in Professional Golf Management
- PGM 250/PGMT 2500 Golf Operations Management
- PGM 260/PGMT 2600 Golf Performance Coaching and Technology
- PGM 300/PGMT 3000 Advanced Topics in Professional Golf Management
- PGM 350/PGMT 3500 Food and Beverage Management
- PGM 405/PGMT 4050 Expanded Golf Operations
- SPT 315 Facility and Event Management
- SPT 360 Sports Communication

Online Courses Instructed

- FIT 300 Business Aspects of Fitness
- PGM 125/PGMT 4951 PGM Internship I
- PGM 225/PGMT 4952 PGM Internship II
- PGM 325/PGMT 4953 PGM Internship III
- PGM 405/PGMT 4050 Expanded Golf Operations
- PGM 415/PGMT 4150 Trends and Issues in the Golf Industry
- PGM 425/PGMT 4954 PGM Internship IV
- PGM 435/PGMT 4955 PGM Internship V
- EXSC 4951 Exercise Science Internship
- EXSC 7600 Leadership and Professional Development
- EXSC 7040 Golf Performance Training
- EXSC 7440 Golf Performance Program Design
- EXSC 7740 Current Topics in Golf Performance Training
- EXSC 7950 Graduate Exercise Science Internship

Specialized Instruction

- PGM Player Development Program
- PGM Internship Coordinator Advisor