



# Equine Riding Instructor (640)

## Certificate Program

### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This certificate is designed for a student who has the desire to become a Riding Instructor. The courses within this certificate are the courses included in the General Equine Science Certificate together with Horse Training I and II, Riding I and II, and Riding Instruction I and II. Within about one year of study this certificate will prepare students for an entry-level career as a Riding Instructor.

### NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Careers in the equine industry vary in nature and requirements. There are positions requiring considerable versatility, such as within a small privately owned facility with only a few employees. Other positions are more specialized and are generally found in large, complex operations. This Riding Instructor Certificate may lead to a career as a Riding Instructor beginning at an entry level with fundamental instruction knowledge for basic level teaching in the English and Western discipline. Other related work experiences may also lead to an entry-level career as a Horse Trainer or an Exercise Rider with emphasis in training and retraining of horses in the English and Western discipline.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The certificate includes instruction both in theory and practice. There are courses that include classroom instruction and field trips. Courses such as Horse Handling, Equine Health Care, Horse Training and Riding are held solely at a stable to provide the student with as much direct contact with the equine environment as possible. The certificate also includes 150 hours of workplace experience to further ensure the practical aspect of working with horses. The academic courses include basic computer and business communication skills for day-to-day work in an equine environment.

### PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Scott Anderson, Dean of Business & Technology
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor

### First Semester

### 17 Sem. Hours

* INFT	180	Introduction to Information Systems	3
EQUI	107	Equine Health Care I	2
EQUI	117	Equine Physiology	3
EQUI	125	Horse Handler First Aid	1
EQUI	127	Horse Handling I	2
* EQUI	133	Horse Training I	2
* EQUI	137	Riding I	2
* EQUI	139	Riding II	2

### Second Semester

### 18 Sem. Hours

* BUSN	141	Business Communications (or COMM 101 or ENGL 121)	3
EQUI	103	Equine Evaluation	2
EQUI	115	Equine Nutrition	3
EQUI	123	Horse Handler Exercise	1
		-or-	1
PHYD	121	Physical Fitness I	1
EQUI	131	Horse Shoeing	1
* EQUI	135	Horse Training II	2
EQUI	141	Riding Instruction I	2
* EQUI	143	Riding Instruction II	2
* OCED	290	Workplace Experience	2

### Total Hours =

**35**

\* Course has a prerequisite. See course descriptions.

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