

Equine Massage Therapist (638)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

About Our Program

This certificate is designed for a student who wants to have essential general skills in Equine Science and specific skills within Equine Massage to become a broadly educated Equine Massage Therapist. The courses within this certificate are courses included in the General Equine Science Certificate, Equine Massage I and

II, and Equine Stress Points (as defined by the American Jack Meagher) I and II. Within about one year of study this certificate will prepare students for an entry-level career as an Equine Massage Therapist with specific skills in the field of Equine Stress Points by Jack Meagher.

Current employees or facility owners in the horse industry may find it beneficial to gain further knowledge and experience by completing separate courses leading to this certificate and thereby have their equine skills documented.

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 Equine Massage Therapist Certificate may lead to a career as an Equine Massage Therapist with essential general skills in Equine Science and fundamental skills in horse massage techniques for the whole horse and for specific areas of the horse, stress points as defined by Jack Meagher, movements and stretching of the horse.

Special Considerations

This 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, Equine Massage, and Equine Stress Points are held solely at a stable to provide the student with as much direct contact with the equine environment as possible. This certificate also includes workplace experience to further ensure the practical aspect of working and treating 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, Vice President of Business, Technology, and Community Programs
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator

First Semester 15 Credit 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	111	Equine Massage I	2
*	EQUI	119	Equine Stress Points I	2

Second Semester 16 Credit 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	121	Equine Stress Points II	2
*	EQUI	113	Equine Massage II	2
*	OCED	290	Workplace Experience	2

Total Credit Hours = 31

* Course has a prerequisite. See course description.