

EQUINE STABLE MANAGER, CERTIFICATE (639)

About Our Program

This certificate is designed for a student who has the desire to become a Stable Manager. The courses within this certificate are the courses included in the General Equine Science Certificate together with Equine Health Care II, Stable Management I and II, and Equine Facilities. Within about one year of study this certificate will prepare students for an entry-level career as a Stable Manager. 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 Stable Manager Certificate may lead to an entry-level career as a Stable Manager with fundamental skills for managing and maintaining an equine facility.

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, and Horse Shoeing 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.

Requirements

First Semester		Hours
INFT 180	Intro to Information Systems ¹	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 145	Stable Management I	2
EQUI 147	Stable Management II ¹	2
Hours		15
Second Semester		
EQUI 103	Equine Evaluation	2
EQUI 105	Equine Facilities	3
EQUI 109	Equine Health Care II ¹	2
EQUI 115	Equine Nutrition	3
EQUI 131	Horse Shoeing	1
OCED 290	Workplace Experience ¹	2
PHYD 121	Physical Fitness I	0.5-2
Select one of the following:		3
BUSN 141	Business Communications ¹	
COMM 101	Technical Communications ¹	
ENGL 121	Rhetoric and Composition I ¹	
Hours		16.5-18
Total Hours		31.5-33

¹ Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

Program Outcomes

- Graduates will possess a thorough understanding of stable management practices, including facility maintenance, feed and nutrition management, health and wellness protocols, and standard operating procedures.
- They will be able to efficiently oversee daily operations of a stable, ensuring the optimal care of horses and adherence to safety and hygiene regulations.
- Graduates will be skilled in recognizing and addressing equine health issues and ensuring the overall welfare of the horses in their care.
- They will demonstrate the ability to implement preventive care measures, maintain accurate health records, and collaborate with veterinarians and other equine professionals to promote the well-being of horses in a stable environment.

Program Contacts

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