



EQUINE FE2014

- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management
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Enniskillen Campus currently provides the widest range of equine programmes in Ireland. Courses have been developed which meet the needs of the industry and students alike, producing graduates with the capability to succeed in a wide range of careers. Through the courses, the College aims to help develop a competitive equine industry and aspires to give students an insight into many different equine related careers.

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

The equine industry is an international business with many job opportunities, enabling students to experience life and work around the world.



Career profile Sarah Manders

"I always had a passion for horses and I decided to go to Enniskillen Campus to prepare for my career in the equine industry. I acquired knowledge about many areas of the equine industry and learnt new practical skills. I also competed regularly for the Campus at showjumping events on the Campus' horses. As part of the Level 3 programme, I undertook my work placement in Edward Doyle's International Showjumping yard in Punchestown in Co. Kildare which I really enjoyed.

Since graduating with my Level 3, I am now working full-time in Edward Doyle's yard as one of their

Showjumping grooms and have also recently assumed an additional role of Manager of one of the yards. I am thoroughly enjoying all aspects of my work and have met so many people from across the world. I recently travelled to Belgium to groom at the Zangershiede Z-Tour. This was an amazing experience for me. I may also have the opportunity to travel to Italy and Austria this year.

My time spent at Enniskillen was really enjoyable and I gained so much valuable knowledge and skills in horse management and care. Enniskillen Campus has certainly helped me to secure a career in the equine industry."



EQUINE CAREER PROSPECTS

Racehorse trainers

The racing industry requires highly skilled people to work as racehorse trainers. Successful racehorse trainers require well developed business management and people skills as well as excellent horsemanship.

Riding instructors

A teaching vocation within the equine industry will offer a challenging career and a high level of job satisfaction. Riding instructors need to be enthusiastic, confident, patient and articulate with a sense of humour and good communication skills.

Competition and stud grooms

Grooms should be in excellent health, physically fit, hard working, skilled and motivated. Some grooms also ride and compete in their chosen industry. Progression to head groom or travelling groom usually comes with experience.

Riders

There are a number of jobs worldwide for lightweight, experienced work riders. Talented, dedicated riders can progress in their area of expertise to become competition riders or jockeys.

Students enter the equine industry at different levels depending on their qualifications and experience. For more information on careers in the equine sector visit: www.lantra.co.uk

OUR EQUINE FACILITIES

Equine courses offered at Enniskillen Campus incorporate a strong practical dimension and the philosophy of 'learning by doing' is applied throughout all programmes.

Specialist amenities

The campus was founded in 1967 and has provided over 45 years of high quality education and training with equine courses being offered since the early 1990s. The combination of excellent equestrian, teaching and residential facilities at the campus enables students to develop their practical and academic competencies in a pleasant environment.

The campus has been redeveloped to provide an impressive range of indoor and outdoor facilities. Equine facilities include racing, breeding and equitation units and there are stabling facilities for a limited number of student livery horses, a horse walker, an indoor arena and a number of outdoor arenas.



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management

This course provides excellent preparation for those wishing to pursue a career in the equine industry or progress onto higher education. The course is taught using the practical facilities at Enniskillen Campus.

Fact file

Course duration:

Two years full-time including a ten-week work placement.

Course location:

Enniskillen Campus.

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Course content

The main areas of study are:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Breeding and young horse handling and training
- Business management
- Competition grooming
- Equitation – flat and jumping
- Horse behaviour and welfare
- Horse husbandry, stable and yard management
- Working horses from the ground

Work placement

Students complete ten weeks of approved work placement within the two years of the course.

Typically students work in a range of yards depending on their area of interest, for example breeding, racing, eventing, show jumping and dressage.

Entry requirements

Normally four GCSE passes at Grade C or above including English and Mathematics.

or

Four C3s at Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level including English and Mathematics.

Competency in horse riding is essential for those wishing to undertake riding options.

Applicants must also demonstrate that they have a minimum of 40 hours of experience in the equine industry, which can be acquired prior to leaving school.

Progression opportunities and career destinations

This course provides students with an opportunity to progress onto the Equine Foundation Degree or Honours Degree programmes. Students are ideally suited to find employment of a practical nature in a wide range of equine businesses. Examples of careers include: managing own business, breaking and schooling horses and/or livery; work riders in racing yards; stud grooms; competition grooms and sales representatives.



Chloe McKinley

“I have enjoyed the range of units we studied in first year, especially Animal Health and Competition Grooming. As well as the studying aspect the socialising is good. Recently twelve of us got the opportunity to visit Holland for two weeks as part of the Leonardo programme which was a fantastic experience. The first week was based in the equine college NHB Deurne, where we joined in on their classes and visits to equine businesses. The second week I spent on work placement at De Beukenvallei, a dressage yard, which was thoroughly enjoyable and a great experience for me.

As part of the programme we undertake ten weeks of work placement. I plan to work at Rag Tree Equine Assisted Learning Centre in County Wexford. I am really looking forward to it, as it will be something completely new for me, and I may even think of a career in that area in the future.”

BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care

This practical course in horse care offers young people the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills required for jobs within the equine sector. The course is taught using the practical facilities at Enniskillen Campus.

Fact file

Course duration:

One year full-time, including a five-week work placement.

Course location:

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Course Manager:

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Course content

The main areas of study are:

- Estate maintenance
- Feeding and watering horses
- Horse handling
- Principles of horse biology
- Riding horses
- Work related experience in the horse industry

Work placement

A minimum of five-weeks approved work placement is an integral part of this course. Students are encouraged to find work in their area of interest such as breeding, racing, competition yards or riding schools.

Entry requirements

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Mathematics.

or
Two C3s or three D1s at Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level including English and Mathematics.

Basic skills in horse riding are essential for those wishing to undertake the riding module.

Students who have not attained a Grade C in English and Mathematics at GCSE or equivalent have to complete Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

Applicants must also demonstrate that they have a minimum of 40 hours of experience in the equine industry, which can be acquired prior to leaving school.

Progression opportunities and career destinations

This course provides an opportunity for students to progress onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management. Students are well positioned to find employment in a diverse range of sectors within the equine industry including: racing, show jumping, eventing, dressage and showing, riding schools, livery yards and studs.



Rebecca Kilpatrick

“ I really enjoyed the Level 2 course as I have always wanted to learn more about horses and the equine industry. Throughout the year of my programme I learnt lots of new subjects and improved both my knowledge and practical skills when caring for horses.

We had to complete yard duties as part of our course. These started early in the morning and gave me a good insight into the equine world. I chose to complete my work placement at Leah Knight's showjumping and livery yard in Lisburn. I really enjoyed my work placement. I gained experience grooming at shows and working with young horses which is something I would like to do in the future. The work placement allowed me to experience the work load involved working with horses and it has made me more determined to pursue a career in the equine industry. I am hoping to return to CAFRE to complete the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management.”

Level 2 Apprenticeship in the Equine Industry* / Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care/ Racehorse Care

This course is a work-related, competence-based qualification. It reflects the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively and shows that a learner is competent in basic horse care work.

Fact file

Course duration:

78 weeks, block release and work-based training and assessment.

Course location:

Within the workplace and local out centres.

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Course content

The main areas of study are:

- Carry out routine care and monitor the health and well-being of horses
- Clean and groom horses
- Clean and maintain stables
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others
- Maintain and develop personal performance
- Monitor and maintain health and safety
- Provide feed and water to horses
- Restrain horses using specified methods

Entry requirements

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Mathematics. Students who have not attained a Grade D or above in English and Mathematics at GCSE or equivalent, must complete Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy as part of the course. Basic skills in horse riding are essential for those wishing to undertake the riding module.

Progression opportunities and career destinations

This course provides an opportunity for students to progress onto a Level 3 qualification or to be employed in a diverse range of roles within the industry including horse grooms, riding centre employees and racing yard grooms and riders.



* Refer to page 26 for more information.

Farrier Upskilling Programme

The Farrier Upskilling programme at Enniskillen Campus is designed for those already working in the industry and seeking to achieve the Worshipful Company of Farriers Diploma Award (DipWCF).

Fact file

Course duration:

Two days per month for approximately two years.

Course location:

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Course content

The course covers the principles of equine anatomy, physiology, conformation, dynamics and movement, injuries and ailments/diseases affecting the foot and limb and the fundamentals of farriery.

Practical skills include making different types of shoes from steel stock, using coke and gas forges.

As part of the final assessment, students are required to produce a portfolio of handmade horseshoes for the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) examination.

Entry requirements

Suitable for farriers already practicing in the industry, with two years of verifiable experience.

Progression opportunities and career destinations

This course provides an opportunity for students to progress onto an appropriate Foundation Degree. Through the course farriers have the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification and from there they can apply to the Farriers Registration Council to become registered.



Martin O'Meara

“I decided to apply for the Farriery Upskilling Programme as it is a well recognised course for farriers. It offers me good training in both practical horseshoe making and the theoretical aspects of the anatomy and physiology of the horse's hoof and limbs. I am enjoying all aspects of the course and learning so much and I feel that my practical farriery skills are improving. I have a lot of work ahead of me as I prepare for my examination for the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) next year. I feel that this course on completion will help me in the development of my farriery business in the future.”

Pre-Farriery Programme

Farriery is the shoeing of horses and similar animals. A farrier is a skilled craftsman who is able to make shoes for all types of horses' feet according to the needs and welfare of the animal. This course provides the knowledge and skills required to progress to a farriery apprenticeship.

Fact file

Course duration:

One year full-time, including a five-week work placement.

Course location:

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Course content

- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care
- City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Forgework

Work placement

Students spend five weeks working with an approved farrier or in an approved work experience equine establishment to improve their horse care skills.

Entry requirements

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent including English and Mathematics or two C3s or three D1s at Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level including English and Mathematics.

Students who have not attained a Grade C in English and Mathematics at GCSE or equivalent have to complete Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

Applicants must also demonstrate that they have a minimum of 40 hours of experience in the equine industry, which can be acquired prior to leaving school.

Progression opportunities and career destinations

This course provides an opportunity for students to progress onto an Apprenticeship in Farriery, ultimately sitting the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers and becoming a registered member or study for the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management.



Adam Dodds

“ I chose to study the course as I have always had a keen interest in horses and farriery. I really enjoyed the time we spent working in the forge undertaking the Level 2 Certificate in Forgework and learning skills such as shaping metals and using forging, cutting and joining techniques. The course also allowed me to further my horse handling and horse care skills as I studied the Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care programme alongside the Pre-Farriery course. This has given me more confidence with handling different horses which is important for farriery. As part of the course I was able to do a work placement with a farrier for five weeks. This gave me a great insight into the industry and the work involved. It also helped me further with my forgework skills in preparation for my forgework exam.

“ I thoroughly enjoyed my year at Enniskillen campus. I now hope to get an apprenticeship to allow me to work towards gaining the full farriery qualification in the future.”