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# COLLEGE COURSE EQUINE PROGRAMMES 2023



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**DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE EXTENSIVE LINKS WITH ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE BRITISH HORSE RACING AUTHORITY (BHRA) AND A VARIETY OF BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY (BHS) APPROVED RIDING SCHOOLS?**

## READY TO PURSUE YOUR DREAMS?

The estimated value of the UK Equine industry is £4 billion. If you have some experience of horses and want to pursue a career in the equine industry, we have the resources and expertise to prepare you with the practical skills, knowledge and academic understanding you need to achieve your goals.

By studying at Writtle University College, you will spend most of your time on our dedicated equine campus which is home to around 50 horses, including those for riding.

Our specialist facilities include three indoor arenas, an outdoor school, a horse walker, water treadmill, mechanical horse, extensive stabling, laboratory and therapy barns.

After your course, there are also opportunities to study at a higher level.

We hope this guide gives you all the information you need, but please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team if you have any questions about applying to study here, want an update on the status of your application, or have a query about what you need to do next.

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**STUDY MODE - FULL-TIME**  
**COURSE LENGTH - 2 YEARS**

# LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EQUINE



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## ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification is for you if you want to work within the equine industry. It provides you with a very wide range of specialist technical, practical and detailed knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek a diverse range of employment opportunities, or to further learning and training within the equine industry.

## METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- 2 Externally marked exams
- End of year synoptic comprising of practical assessments and written assignments, which are internally marked and externally moderated.

## WORK PLACEMENT

Students are required to complete two weeks at an approved and agreed external equine work placement.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 or A\*-C
- Must include English, Maths and Science
- Satisfactory references from most recent School / College / Employer
- Riding option is not guaranteed. You must be at least the level of BHS stage 1

## AREAS OF STUDY

- Equine health
- Evaluating a range of horse equipment
- Nutrition
- Competition grooming
- Riding
- Equine biological systems
- Equine behaviour

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Due to the nature of the horses at the College, we have a riding weight limit of 13 stone when fully dressed to ride. A non-riding option is available.

## What can I do after this course?

You could progress onto a higher level qualification in equine, animal science, animal management, conservation or agriculture or undertake an advanced apprenticeship programme. You could also apply for a position such as a competition groom, racing work rider or administrator in a feed or tack company.

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**STUDY-MODE - FULL TIME**  
**COURSE LENGTH - ONE YEAR**

# LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN HORSE CARE



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## ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will enable you to develop your practical skills in riding, reinforced by the study of equine theory. This course is more practical and less academic than some of the other courses.

## WORK PLACEMENTS

A minimum of 150 hours must be completed at a work placement within the horse industry. This is in addition to yard duties at the Equine Training and Development Centre, which ensure your training is standardised, meeting University College and awarding body criteria.

## METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- 2 Externally marked exams
- End of year synoptic comprising of practical assessments and written assignments, which are internally marked and externally moderated

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 or A\*-D
- Minimum of Grade 3/D GCSE in English and Maths
- Satisfactory references from most recent School / College / Employer
- Please note that other Equine qualifications will be considered, such as Pony club qualifications C+ and above or British Horse Society Stage 1 qualification
- Riding option is not guaranteed. You must be at least the level of BHS stage

## AREAS OF STUDY

- Horse grooming
- Trimming and plaiting
- Horse tack and clothing
- Feeding and watering horses
- Introduction to lunging
- Horse handling
- Work-related experience
- Riding horses

This list is not exhaustive

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**A NON-RIDING OPTION IS AVAILABLE.**

### What can I do after this course?

You can progress to the Level 3 advanced technical extended diploma in equine depending on grades achieved and functional skills taken. You will also be well-placed to find a job in the industry, which requires 'hands-on' practical skills.

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## LEVEL 3 SENIOR EQUINE GROOM APPRENTICESHIP

### ABOUT THE COURSE

The Senior Equine Groom is designed for those wishing to progress their career in the equine industry to work towards taking on more responsibility in the workplace. You will learn to provide and coordinate the day to day care of the horses in the workplace.

In most cases the Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship is delivered predominantly in the workplace, with regular training workshops held at college by a qualified, professional members of staff with industry experience.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

An apprentice needs to be in paid employment before you can start the course. We are always happy to provide your employers with the information and guidance they need regarding potentially employing an Apprentice and can offer advice, however small or large businesses may be.

### DURATION

On average the course takes around 18-24 months to complete; however the timescale is flexible and will depend on the Apprentices prior experience.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Work in your chosen industry for a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Apprentices have 6hrs a week off the job training which can be included in the 30hrs
- Get paid a minimum of the Apprenticeship Wage ([gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates))
- Complete Functional Skills in English and Maths or there is the option to study for Maths and English GCSE (depending on previous qualifications)\*
- Complete work-related tasks and assessments
- Receive mentoring visits in your workplace from your Writtle University College Training Officer

### START DATE

The Apprenticeship programme operates on a roll on roll off basis so learners can start and finish at any time during the year.



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### What can I do after this apprenticeship?

After completing the Level 3 Senior Groom Apprenticeship, you have the option to continue study by progressing into Higher Education or alternatively the apprentice can progress in to full time employment within the industry.

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## LEVEL 2 EQUINE GROOM APPRENTICESHIP



### ABOUT THE COURSE

Apprentices on the Level 2 Equine Groom Apprenticeship will be entering a vocational industry, where they can expect to handle a variety of horses in different working environments. In most cases the Equine Groom Apprenticeship is delivered predominantly in the workplace, with regular training workshops held at college by a qualified, professional members of staff with industry experience.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

An apprentice needs to be in paid employment before you can start the course. We are always happy to provide your employers with the information and guidance they need regarding potentially employing an Apprentice and can offer advice, however small or large businesses may be.

### DURATION

On average our Equine Groom Level 2 Apprenticeship takes around 12 months to complete; however the timescale is flexible and will depend on the Apprentices prior experience.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Work in your chosen industry for a minimum of 30 hours per week.
- Apprentices have 6hrs a week off the job training which can be included in the 30hrs
- Get paid a minimum of the Apprenticeship Wage (gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)
- Complete Functional Skills in English and Maths or there is the option to study for Maths and English GCSE (depending on previous qualifications)\*
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### START DATE

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#### What can I do after this course?

After completing an Apprenticeship at Level 2, the natural progression route would be to progress onto the Senior Groom Level 3 Apprenticeship, after which the option for continuing study would be to progress in to Higher Education or alternatively the Apprentice can progress in to full time employment within the industry

Equine-Groom-Level-2-Apprenticeship





Equine Radiographer

Competition Groom

Horse Breeder

Nutritionist

# What sort of careers could I go into from an equine course?

Yard Manager

Riding Instructor

Racing

Exercise Rider

Equine Insurance

Welfare

Lecturer

Polo Groom

Teacher

When you complete your studies, you will be equipped with the relevant experience you need to begin your career. You could go on to work in sports, such as racing, polo or training horses or train as a riding instructor. You could find a job in nutrition, welfare or equine insurance or work as a competition groom or yard manager.