

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Equine	Level 2	Full-Time	1 year	September 2026

Practical vs Theory



The Course

Are you ambitious and wishing to pursue a career within the equine industry? This course will provide you with an excellent opportunity to develop a sound knowledge and understanding in horse care and or riding through a mix of practical, classroom and work-based study. It allows for some flexibility in the units taken so that you can tailor the course to your interests, including a riding and non-riding option. Check out what you will study below to see some of the modules you may take.

Course Aims

> To develop your knowledge and practical skills, ready for a career within the equine industry.

What You Will Study

- > Carry out and understand the principles of feeding and watering horses
- > Undertake routine stable duties
- > Undertake horse handling
- > Fit and maintain horse tack and clothing
- > Undertake work-related experience in the land-based industries
- > Introduction to riding horses on the flat
- > English and Maths, if not achieved at grade 4

Entry Requirements

You will need four GCSEs at grade 3 or above. You must have grade 2 or 3 in Maths, English and Science. Equivalent qualifications may also be considered.

For the riding option, you must also demonstrate a suitable level of riding. For riding, we have a maximum weight limit of 13 stone.

Time Required on Campus

You will normally be in college three days a week. Weekend duties will also be timetabled, approximately one weekend day in each month.

Work Experience

You will undertake 150 hours of external work placement. This includes one week off-site and duties at our Equine Centre.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed using a variety of written assignments, practical assessments and formally externally marked exams. Level 2 courses can be achieved to a pass, merit, distinction or distinction * grade.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Sturdy footwear
- > Riding hat (Snell or PAS015 standard)
- > Gloves
- > Dark coloured t-shirt, jumper, and coat
- > Laboratory coat
- > Core texts to support studies
- > Small contributions (usually up to £25) to attend study visits on some modules

Progression

You will be able to progress to the Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management or an apprenticeship programme.

Careers

Work in commercial stable yards, for professional equestrian teams, in equine therapy, equine events and shows centres, at riding schools and many more.