Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care – Student Information

Welcome to the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care.

Entry Requirements:

To be accepted onto the course, you must have achieved a Grade 4 or above at GCSE English**,** and grade 3 or above three other GCSE subjects, preferably including Maths.

GCSEs:

If you have not achieved your Grade 4 in Maths when you join the college, you will undertake lessons to be working towards this subject within your programme.

Other Info:

The Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care will be run over five days.

To pass this course, you will need to successfully complete all of the following modules:

- **Health and safety for the land-based industries**
- **Equine health and welfare**
- **Working in the equine industry**
- **Horse tack and equipment**
- **The principles of feeding and watering horses**
- **Introduction to lunging horses**
- **Undertake routine stable duties**
- **Horse handling and grooming**
- Equine anatomy and physiology
- Care of the horse at grass

How you will be assessed:

Synoptic Assessment: The synoptic assessment will be made up of a number of small tasks for you to complete in a time frame of up to 15 hours; there are four tasks - two Practical and two Theory - under controlled conditions. You will have preparation time to collect evidence needed to complete the tasks. The synoptic assessment will cover the mandatory units, highlighted in bold.

End Test: There will be a multiple-choice paper to sit in March that will test your knowledge on the mandatory units, highlighted in bold.

Other Assessments:

In addition to your end test and your synoptic assessment, you will be required to complete some additional assignment work for the other units and to support your academic progression. This may be in the form of written work, or as a series of practical assessments. You must pass all of these assignments in order to complete your course.

Work Experience: A minimum of 150 hours WEX is a requirement of your course. Details of how to organise your placement will be discussed once you are enrolled on the Level 2 course.

PPE:

You will need to purchase PPE to wear during your practical riding sessions, and uniform to wear for your course. For full PPE requirements please refer to the equipment list that will be sent to you with your joining instructions.

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Equine Yard Duties:

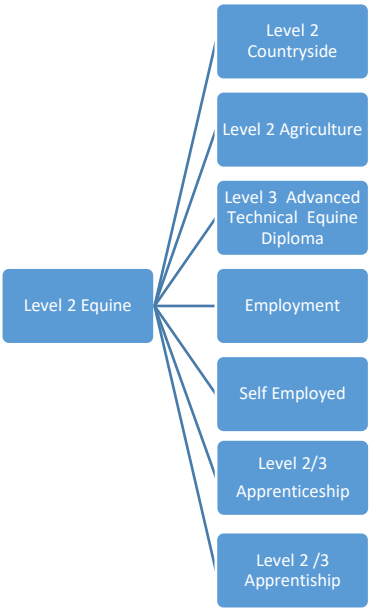
Completing duty weekend days where you care for the horses that support your learning and successful achievement is a compulsory part of the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care course. The rota is issued at the end of your enrolment week in September to help you plan your year and you are required to commit to working one weekend in three. Duty weekends are compulsory and run in addition to your normal college week. You will work on duties on a Saturday or Sunday; accommodation is available if required, and there will be a fee for this. Bursaries are available to cover 80% of the cost of the accommodation. Working on the Duchy College Equestrian Centre, which is a commercial enterprise, is carried out to equine industry standards to ensure you are being prepared for a successful equestrian career.
Equine duties run one weekend day in three for the whole academic year. Early morning starts are usually 7am, and work finishes usually at 4:30pm. Students will be required to complete lessons as normal on Monday - Friday when on duties.

Financial Support:

There is some financial support available for students under specific circumstances (including help with transport costs). To find out more about what you may be entitled to, and download application forms, see:

- https://www.duchy.ac.uk/financial-support/

Progression Routes



Any questions?

If you have any questions, you can contact the Equine Office on 01579 372234, or email wendy.doney@duchy.ac.uk.

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Please note:

Our experienced academic team will aim to allocate you a place on the course best suited to your needs following the interview. This may not be your first choice, however our aim is to support your future academic career and allocate the most suitable course for you.