C&G Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management Level 3

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

This is a two-year full-time course. In addition to studying at college, you will need a work experience placement for three weeks which gives you the opportunity to travel and explore the industry in different areas of the country. You do not need to secure a placement before starting this course.

On completing the course, you have several options, you can progress to university or perhaps an apprenticeship, or go into employment. You will get UCAS points just like if you did A-levels at school, the table below shows the UCAS points you can achieve if you complete the full two-year course:

Grade	UCAS Points
D*D*D*	168
DD*D*	160
DDD*	152
DDD	144
MDD	128
MMD	112
MMM	96
PMM	80
PPM	64
PPP	48

The entry requirements are a minimum of **4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above to include English, and preferably maths at a minimum of grade 3.** Biology GCSE is strongly recommended. If you do not achieve the required grades you will be offered a place on a Level 2 or Level 1 course.

From a riding point of view, you need to be balanced in walk, rising trot and canter, and confidently be able to jump a small fence.

All equine students undertake compulsory rider fitness sessions each week in order to maintain the required strength and balance, and to be considerate of horse welfare when riding.

You will need normal stationery just like at school. We cannot stress highly enough that this is an A-level standard course and there is a lot of written work so folders, pens, highlighters etc. will be much needed.

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To achieve the full Level 3 Equine diploma you will need to successfully complete a combination of modules. Some of the areas you will study are below:

- Undertake and review work related experience in the land–based industries
- Undertake stable yard operations involving horse care
- Equine health
- Horse tack and equipment
- Biological systems of horses
- Prepare horses for presentation
- Equine feeding and nutrition
- Horse behaviour and welfare
- Working horses from the ground
- The principles of equitation
- The principles of horse fitness

The course can be completed on either the ridden pathway, or grooms / non-ridden pathway. To be accepted onto the ridden pathway you must pass a video riding assessment and be under the weight limit of 13 stone or 83kg.

You will have a personal tutor on the Level 3 Equine programme, but you also have access to our Engagement and Progression Officers for additional pastoral support, or the Additional Learning Support team for academic support

It is expected that you maintain at least 90% attendance to achieve this course. However, we understand that everyone gets sick sometimes and, in this situation, you are required to phone our absence line or use the online notification. It is not acceptable to book holidays during the college term time.

EQUINE DUTY WEEKENDS

Completing duty weekends is a compulsory part of the Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management. In addition to the weekends, you will have some duty sessions during the college week to practice your skills. These hours are logged and count towards your work experience hours, all of which are compulsory parts of the qualification. The rota is issued at the end of your enrolment week in September to help you plan your year and you will be on duties one weekend in three. There is a charge for accommodation, but also financial support available through means-tested bursaries.

Working in Duchy College Equestrian Centre, which is a commercial enterprise, is carried out to industry standards to ensure you are being prepared a successful equestrian career. As Level 3 students you are introduced to supervisory responsibilities in your first year in preparation for managing sections of the yard to develop your skills for your second year

ASSESSMENT

Assessments are done using a variety of methods. The synoptic assessment will be made up of a number of tasks for you to complete in a time frame. There are usually 4 tasks - 2 practical and 2 theory - to be done under controlled conditions. You will have preparation time to collect evidence, and it tests your ability to think on your feet and show initiative. It also rewards those who ‘go above

and beyond' and can consider the management of horses in a holistic manner. All things highly valued in the equine industry!

There will be a multiple-choice Health and Safety paper completed online, and a long-answer, written theory paper to sit around Easter time, that will test your knowledge on the mandatory units. You will have a written Biology exam.

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.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

- All equine students will be allocated a locker; a £5.00 non-refundable payment is required at the start of the year.
- We go out on trips and if they are directly related to your course there is no cost to you. If we go on a 'jolly' such as to Badminton Horse Trials then there would be a cost to you but the trip would be optional.
- The British Horse Society (BHS) Stage exams and Ride Safe Challenge Award are available for you to take alongside your course. There will be an additional cost for these; your tutors will discuss when you are ready on an individual basis.
- The College also offers a no-fee internal Ride Safe exam run under the same conditions as the BHS Ride Safe Challenge. This is not an officially recognised qualification and cannot be used for any British Horse Society examinations or as verification of an individual's riding ability on roads outside of the College***. Please note the College Ride Safe exam is only valid for the duration of your time as a student of the College.***
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Livery

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