

Therapeutic Horsemanship

The Therapeutic Horsemanship major, in keeping with the mission of the College, will offer an integrated educational program that incorporates cross-disciplinary exposure to the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the field, as well as experiential learning components which help students explore and define career options while applying and testing their knowledge base. Support of the college's mission of encouraging students to 'transcend self-interest with a spirit of service' is inherent in the very nature of the major. Students will be prepared to enter the field of Therapeutic Horsemanship as well-trained and contributing professionals or to continue on to post-graduate work in a related area. The major is specifically designed to provide career training for the student who is able-bodied or disabled.

Learning Outcomes: Therapeutic Horsemanship

Upon completion of the major or minor in Therapeutic Horsemanship, students will be expected to:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of and competency in the NARHA national standards as well as ethical issues in the Therapeutic Horsemanship industry.
2. Students will demonstrate skills and knowledge in the area of Therapeutic Horsemanship through internships, guided independent research opportunities, and teaching practicum.
3. The student who completes the Therapeutic Horsemanship Major will obtain a registered level certification by NARHA.

Major in Therapeutic Horsemanship

56 Credits

Required Courses:

51 Credits

BIO 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
EQ 244 Stable Management I	2
EQ 244L Stable Management Lab	2
EQ 248 Basic Riding Instructor	1.5
EQ 248L Basic Riding Instructor Lab	1
EQ 340 Equine Business Management	3
EQ 350 Horse Science 1	3
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development	3
SS 227 Community Health, First Aid and CPR	1.5
SS 402 Exercise Physiology	3
SS 325 Kinesiology and Biomechanics	4
TH 155 Introduction to Therapeutic Horsemanship	1
TH 246 Principles of Therapeutic Horsemanship	3
TH 268 Training the TR Horse	2
TH 346 Advanced Techniques in Therapeutic Horsemanship	4
TH 347 TH Program Management: Administration	2
TH 348 TH Program Management: Teaching	3
TH 465 Therapeutic Horsemanship Issues and Ethics	3
TH 466 Survey of Specialties in Therapeutic Horsemanship	2

Additional Requirements:

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Credits

- One of the following Capstone courses: 3
 - TH 495 Senior Internship
 - TH 498 Senior GIS
 - TH 499 Senior Practicum
- A minimum of 2 PE riding classes from PE 261-264, and the student needs to be prepared to pass the riding proficiency test for NARHA instructor certification. 2
- Red Cross certification in First Aid and CPR