

Therapeutic Horsemanship Courses

TH 155 Introduction to Therapeutic Horsemanship (1 credit)

An experience that enables students to obtain hands on participation in a therapeutic horsemanship program. Students receive volunteer training prior to assisting in a therapeutic horsemanship class. Students will maintain a log about their experience that will be turned in for feedback. This course is a prerequisite for all other therapeutic horsemanship courses and equine studies courses.

TH 246 Therapeutic Horsemanship Principles and Concepts (3 credits)

An introductory course to Therapeutic Horsemanship, basic information about the history of Therapeutic Horsemanship, the organization and administration of programs, training volunteer, selecting and training horses, developing a TH facility, public relations and fund-raising activities, choosing a rider population and learning special mounting procedures will be explored. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on experiences. Students will also conduct basic facility and equipment assessments and horse evaluations.

TH 268 Training the Therapeutic Riding Horse (2 credits)

This course will focus on the selection, evaluation, and training of horses used in a therapeutic riding program. The student will have the opportunity to explore the horse's behavior, personality, and training and how it relates to therapeutic riding. The student is expected to work with his/her assigned horse at least 2 times per week in addition to scheduled class meeting additional instructor/student meetings as needed). Fee required for the course. Prerequisite: Hilltopper Riding Rank- SAPC Equestrian Manual and Junior standing or permission from instructor.

TH 346 Advanced Techniques in Therapeutic Horsemanship(4 credits)

This course will focus on the Therapeutic Horsemanship Instructor. All of the aspects of being an effective instructor will be covered; including voice production, body language, dress, non-verbal communication. In addition to lectures and laboratory, students will learn how to assess riders, assign volunteers, and use mounts for therapeutic benefit. This course will also address the role of the TH instructor in a team setting. OSHA and ADA information will be reviewed for its applicability to TH activities. Prerequisite: TH 246 or permission of the instructor.

TH 347 TH Program Management: Administration (2 credits)

This course will focus on the administration of the therapeutic horsemanship program through hands-on participation. The student will recruit, retain, and reward volunteers, promote the horsemanship riding program through public relations and marketing activities, organize and conduct a fund-raising event, determine goals, objectives, and time lines, and write and present Board of Director Reports.

Prerequisite: TH 246 or permission of the instructor.

TH 348 TH Program Management: Teaching (3 credits)

This course will focus on teaching in a therapeutic horsemanship program. The student will organize and teach lessons to persons with disabilities, assign students, horses, and volunteers, train volunteers, maintain progress notes, and interact with parents, teachers, and other professionals. Prerequisite: TH 346 or permission of the instructor.

TH 465 Therapeutic Horsemanship Issues and Ethics (3 credits)

This course will survey a variety of current issues and topics within the national and international fields of therapeutic horsemanship. The students will review and discuss ethics in therapeutic horsemanship. Problem solving, research, and critical thinking will be emphasized to provide students with skills to make sound judgments concerning issues and ethics in therapeutic horsemanship. Prerequisites: TH 246, TH 346, and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

TH 466 Survey of Specialties in Therapeutic Horsemanship (2 credits)

This course will provide in-depth surveys of specialty areas in therapeutic horsemanship. Specialties include: Hippotherapy, Equine Facilitated Therapy, Competition, Vaulting, Driving, Adult Riders, Education, Recreation and Leisure, and the Animal-Human Bond. NARHA sections and other national and international organizations will be discussed. Prerequisites: junior standing or permission of the instructor.