



Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management is a unique program perfect for equine enthusiasts who want to turn their passion into a career. In this program students learn about equine nutrition, reproduction, health, conditioning, and management. They gain extensive equine theory combined with applied knowledge and broaden their equine business, finance, and management skills. This program prepares students to enter key sectors of the equine industry, including competition, recreation, rehabilitation, and racing operations.

## University of Guelph Advantage

The Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) of the University of Guelph is internationally renowned for its research, teaching and knowledge extension. Students begin their studies at REACH Huron, a national-level competition facility, where they are fully immersed in both hands-on and theoretical equine learning. They learn how to work with performance horses of varying temperaments, and the ins and outs of managing an “A” level facility. Students expand their knowledge and abilities in horse care and managing an equine-related business. A 140 hour industry externship at the end of the second year provides students with the opportunity to practice newly acquired skills, and work with equine management practices common to the industry.

The co-op work term is scheduled after the second academic semester, providing a foundation on which to build the work experience.

## Student Strengths

- Combine in-depth equine theory and applied business courses
- Develop relevant skills to national standards through the use of live horses in practical labs and experiential learning opportunities
- Strong knowledge of industry-specific proficiencies, including equine welfare, behaviour, health and safe handling practices

# Equine Care and Management Course Sequencing

YEAR	FALL (SEPT-DEC)	WINTER (JAN-APRIL)	SUMMER (MAY-AUG)
<b>ONE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION</li> <li>• COMMUNICATIONS &amp; SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I</li> <li>• HORSE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION</li> <li>• HORSE HEALTH</li> <li>• PRACTICAL HORSE CARE I</li> <li>• HORSE FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN</li> <li>• EQUINE BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMMUNICATIONS &amp; SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS II</li> <li>• HORSE COMMUNICATION AND LAMENESS</li> <li>• HORSE FEEDS AND NUTRITION</li> <li>• HORSE CONDITIONING</li> <li>• HORSE REPRODUCTION</li> <li>• PRACTICAL HORSE CARE II</li> </ul>	<b>WORK TERM</b>
<b>TWO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS MANAGEMENT</li> <li>• AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</li> <li>• ADVANCED HORSE NUTRITION</li> <li>• FORAGE MANAGEMENT FOR HORSES</li> <li>• EQUINE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT AND CARE</li> <li>• EQUINE COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</li> <li>• MARKETING</li> <li>• HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</li> <li>• RIDER CONDITIONING</li> <li>• EQUINE BUSINESS VENTURE</li> <li>• EQUINE INDUSTRY EXTERNSHIP</li> <li>• 0.50 RESTRICTED ELECTIVES</li> </ul>	

**Restricted Electives:** Students must select 0.50 credits from the following:

- LEADERSHIP
- BRITISH EQUINE STUDY TOUR
- INTERNATIONAL EQUINE INDUSTRY PRACTICES

BASED ON THE 2022/23 ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA CALENDAR

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