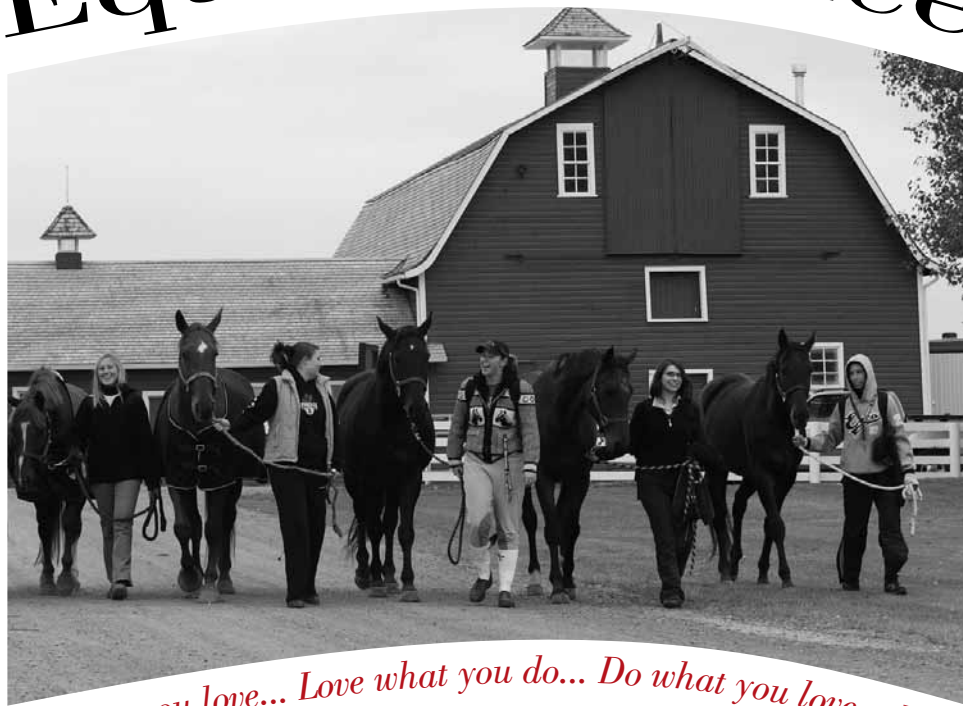


# Equine Science

Two Year Diploma



*Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love...*

## CAREERS WITH HORSES!

Your passion for horses could put you on the fast track to a successful future doing what you love. Right now, Canada's horse related businesses are looking for trained individuals who can provide skill and expertise in all facets of the equine industry. The equine educational opportunities provided by the two year Equine Science diploma program can prepare you to take advantage of these opportunities and to launch your career with horses.

## Program Description

The Equine science program offers extensive training in equine science and practical skills leading to employment in the equine industry. The curriculum provides for the development of occupational skills including: care and training of horses, horsemanship, breeding and foaling management, business and event management, instruction of beginning riders and coaching. A valid drivers license is required.

Graduates of the Equine Science program who wish to complete a second major will require a third and possibly a fourth year at Olds College. Completing multiple majors in two years will not be possible in this program due to limited quotas and timetabling restrictions.

### **Business and Event Management Major**

In addition to learning horse husbandry and handling skills, students in this major will receive training in the

business practices associated with the management of an equine related enterprise or an equine focused event. Students will use their knowledge and skills to produce an equine event on the campus. A graduate may enter the industry as a sales and marketing representative, a retail business person, event or competition manager or manager of an equine operation.

### **Production and Breeding Management Major**

This major allows the student to combine the knowledge of horse husbandry and handling with the opportunity to learn and perform the modern techniques used for breeding horses and to manage the foaling mare and newborn foal. Students will gain experience in the management of a



### **What people say about us...**

*"Olds College is the first place we contact. We have routinely hired Olds College students and graduates. The students are informed, aware of tasks that need to be performed and adapt quickly to our routine. The students have always been able to contribute new ideas and up-to-date information. We feel the instructors have always represented the students fairly and honestly, enabling us to hire with confidence."*

Carol Schaffer  
Sandy Ridge Stallion Station  
Bassano, Alberta



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commercial breeding operation by participating in the breeding program at Olds College. Graduates may enter the industry as an assistant breeding farm manager or an owner/operator.

### **Horsemanship Major**

The Horsemanship major gives students the opportunity to improve their riding skills in either the English or Western discipline in addition to learning horse husbandry and handling skills. The focus in this major will be on starting young horses for riding and to train started horses to perform various maneuvers in either English or Western. Graduates may enter the industry as

employees at the boarding or training centers or as an owner/operator.

### **Equestrian Coaching Major**

This major gives students the opportunity to combine horse husbandry and handling with the skills necessary to teach English and/or Western riding to people at a beginner or intermediate level. Students will complete all necessary requirements to receive Equine Canada Instructor certification and possibly Coaching I if desired. Graduates may enter the industry as instructors/coaches at boarding or competition barns or as a self employed instructor/coach.

## **Admission Requirements**

### **Applicants must have:**

- a) High School Diploma or its equivalent
- b) 50% or better in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2
- c) 50% or better in Pure or Applied Math 20
- d) 50% or better in Biology 30
- e) A minimum of 80 hours (additional hours will improve your score in the program selection process) of volunteer and/or paid work experience in an established equine related business (may be completed on or outside of a family owned business/farm).
- f) Submit a Work Experience Verification Form(s) to verify the number of completed work experience hours. Form will be mailed upon application or available on the Olds College website on the Equine Science Program of Study webpage.
- g) On-campus Riding and Practical Test

### **Alternate Admissions Status:**

Alternate Admissions status will apply for those students that have not achieved the high school diploma admission requirement. The applicant must meet all other requirements as above.

Admission into the Equine Science program is on a competitive basis. Applications will be prescreened and

those meeting the minimum requirements are invited to the College for testing. All applicants will take the same test which consists of a riding component and a practical component. (To be held each spring for entry into the program in the fall of the same year.) Please note that only qualified applicants will be tested. We will contact applicants by letter as to their specific test date and time.

### **Career Opportunities**

A career in the horse industry will often be physically demanding and involve long hours, early mornings and late nights. However, it does offer you the option of becoming an owner/operator of your own business or pursuing a rewarding career in:

- Competition & Showing ➤
- Training young horses ➤
- Teaching beginning riders ➤
- Coaching ➤
- Breeding farm management ➤
- Foaling and foal management ➤
- Sales and marketing for Equine based businesses and products ➤
- Equine event and & competition management ➤

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### **COURSES**

- Managing Equine Tack & Equipment
- Managing Equine Health
- Horse Care Lab
- Equine Anatomy and Physiology
- Enterprise Management Procedures Practicum I
- Event Management Procedures
- Equine Health Care & Lameness
- Using Genetics and Conformation for Selection
- Artificial Breeding Techniques
- Foaling & Foal Management
- Driving the Draft Horse
- Communication and Personal Management
- Riding & Starting an English or Western Horse
- Training the Young English or Western Horse I

**For a full listing of program courses visit [www.oldscollege.ca/programs](http://www.oldscollege.ca/programs)**

### **What people say about us...**

*"We currently employ two students from the Olds College Equine Science program in our business. If they are typical of the students you turn out then your program should be considered the best in North America. They are wonderful girls with excellent skills and work ethic. We would welcome and appreciate the opportunity to work with other students from your excellent program."*

Jay Hayes  
North Ridge Stable  
Cheltenham, Ontario

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