

Career Opportunities in the Race Horse Industry

Horseracing is one of the largest spectator sports in North America.

For you, that means solid employment opportunities. Strong work ethic and competitiveness; the best riders and grooms command the best opportunities and pay. The racing season will keep you busy, but there are also opportunities for graduates to be employed by training farms that operate year-round.

There are four tracks in Alberta

The A flat racer track has up to 1200 horses a meet with 800 standardbreds for the winter meet. (Northlands Edmonton 2009).

The Community tracks can have up to 800 horses per meet. (Lethbridge, Grand Prairie and Lacombe).

Your Career

Graduating from Olds College Racehorse Certificate Programs gives you the confidence and skills to enter the backstretch of the racehorse industry and succeed.

Grooms graduates are typically offered several jobs before they graduate. The average wage is \$2500/ month. You will learn with leading trainers in the Alberta Horse Racing industry with in barn practical experience.

Trainers typically pay gallop riders in Alberta a fee per horse per exercise session. Entrepreneurial skills will be required. Most trainers prefer to exercise and/or gallop their horses six to seven days per week. The wage range could be \$2000- \$4000 per month.

To become a jockey in Alberta you need to meet the physical requirements. The career path is you ride as an exercise rider, when the track stewards are satisfied, you have the skills to be a jockey they will invite you to get your jockey license.

This is an early morning high-energy industry. You get to do what you love and love what you do.

Olds College leads real-life, hands-on education in Canada. We help you explore your Passion.

To ensure your enrollment in class please register at least two weeks prior to start date. Fees are due at time of acceptance into the program.

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Exercise Rider / Jockey Training Race Horse Groom Training

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Date: _____ Student I.D. Number: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: (month / day / year) _____

Marital Status: Single Married Other Gender: F M

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____

CHECK OFF THE PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Exercise Rider / Jockey Training Program

Alberta Residence \$1,000 +GST

Residence Outside Alberta \$2,000 +GST

Race Horse Groom Training Program \$700 +GST

Books and Supplies Approximately \$250

Current Student Fees Additional

Fees due at time of acceptance in the program

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Careers With Horses!

Exercise Rider /Jockey Training



Program Description

The 14-week Exercise Rider and Jockey Training Program will give you the confidence, fitness and skills to be an entry-level exercise rider. Your knowledge from this course, riding skills and physicality could lead you to be a jockey at Alberta Horse Racing tracks will come with practice, and industry confidence. Under the instruction and supervision of professionals in horse racing you will learn the theory and practices to develop you're riding skills.

This program focuses on safety while building the skills you need to perform the role of an exercise rider and/or a potential jockey. You will be gradually introduced to more challenging riding conditions as your abilities and confidence grows. You will be expected to demonstrate mastery of specific competencies through individual riding assessment prior to advancing to more challenging horses and riding conditions.

Month one: Theory, riding, fitness.

You will hone your riding skills to be able to gallop horses indoors at Olds College.

Month Two: Theory, riding, fitness.

You will learn at the College and Olds Agriculture Society complex and track (weather permitting).

Month Three: Theory, riding.

You will learn at a training track with your instructors after successful completion of the riding test (the license test). You will then be embedded in the industry working with current trainers at the track galloping their horses. To graduate you must maintain a passing grade in all skills, and tests and have maintained a riding log that you have galloped 60 horses.

You must:

- be 18 years of age or older on course start date
- complete and submit an application form by Nov 1, 2011
- have advanced rider skills (including appropriate information and references)
- Successfully complete a four-part evaluation including: a riding test (this program is offered for those with considerable riding and horsemanship skills) an interview a fitness test basic medical evaluation (to ensure there is no injury or underlying conditions to prevent you from working in the race industry)

Fees

The cost of this program is subsidized by Horse Racing Alberta.

Resident of Alberta residents: \$1,000

Residents outside of Alberta: \$2,000

Books and supplies: Approximately \$250

Race Horse Groom Training



Program Description

The Race Horse Groom Training program consists of eleven weeks of formal classes, plus 88 hours of practicum. The 13-week program is a serious introduction to horseracing in Alberta and the basics of working as a groom. It is a great starting point for people with a passion for horses and a desire to build a career in racing. You will explore different specializations within the horse racing industry in Alberta such as working at the track with thoroughbreds, standardbreds, or other breeds involved in horse racing. Other options include working on breeding farms, and in private enterprises specializing in racing and breeding.

Hands-on training is a fundamental aspect of the program. *If you love horses, you'll love this program. It is **so much more** than brushing horses!* For a full listing of program courses visit www.oldscollege.ca/programs.

You must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on course start date.
- Complete and submit an application form..
- Successfully pass a personal interview.

Fees

The cost of this program is subsidized by Horse Racing Alberta and Alberta Standardbred Horse Association
Tuition: \$700

Books and Supplies are approximately \$250

Your love of horses could put you on the fast track to a successful future. A passion for horses is alive and well with Olds College and Horse Racing Alberta and we're proud to offer you opportunities to define your career in the equine industry with these apprenticeship-type certificate programs.

For More Information:
1-800-661-6537
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