

HEARTS & HORSES

Therapeutic Riding Center



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Equine Care Internship Job Description

Position: Equine Care Intern

Reports to: Barn Manager

Job Duties

- Support Barn Team volunteers with daily barn chores, such as mucking stalls, feeding, turning equines in and out from pasture, etc.
- Support Class volunteers with grooming, tacking and warming up equines in the arena prior to class.
- Assist with new equine evaluation, selection and training to prepare for use in our programs.
- Assist with saddle fitting, tack cleaning, and organization of all equine equipment.
- Assist with veterinarian and farrier appointments and basic medical care of the herd.
- Support Equine Team with herd management documentation.

Qualifications

- **Time Commitment:** Between 5 and 20 hours a week, depending on internship requirements. Internships are available in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.
- Pursuing a relevant secondary degree, such as Equine Science
- Moderate experience with horses (grooming, tacking, ground work, etc.) required.
- All interns must be qualified as a Horse Leader volunteer, participating in all training prior to interning.
- Great interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Able to frequently sit, stand, bend and lift up to 50 pounds, walk or jog for more than 1 ½ hours over uneven surfaces, and physically react with agility and swiftness.

Benefits

- Practical experience working with equines in the EAAT (equine-assisted activities and therapies) industry.
- Practical experience managing a herd of up to 35 equines, from feeding, cleaning, and training, to document management and assisting veterinarians and farriers.
- Exposure for those interested in pursuing PATH Intl. CTRI certification.

Note: This is an unpaid internship at a non-profit (501c3) organization. Unfortunately, we are not able to compensate interns for hours worked or transportation. However, housing is optionally provided with this internship for eligible candidates.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and/or skills that may be required. Hearts & Horses holds the right to terminate interns if not meeting requirements and responsibilities set forth in this job description or violates the volunteer policies or code of ethics.

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