

Level 3 in Equine Management



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Equine	Level 3	Full-Time	2 years	September 2025

Practical vs Theory



The Course

This course provides core training for anyone wishing to develop an active career that includes riding, teaching equine science and therapy, for example. You will gain practical applied experience for all units, including riding, teaching and caring for horses, science behind rehabilitation and performance. You will have the opportunity to tailor units to your particular area of interest. You are also encouraged to take British Horse Society (BHS) exams alongside the main course (subject to fees). As an equine student at Riseholme College, you will have the opportunity to complete additional qualifications in BHS Stage 1/2. In combining your theoretical knowledge with invaluable practical skills, this specialist qualification will prepare you for a successful career in the equine industry beyond your College education. You will be encouraged to take the British Horse Society (BHS) exams and Young Equestrian Leaders Awards (YELA) alongside the main course (subject to fees).

What You Will Study

- > Principles of health and safety
- > Undertaking and reviewing work-related experience in the land-based industries
- > Undertaking stable yard operations
- > Equine health
- > Horse tack and equipment
- > Biological systems of horses
- > Equine feeding and nutrition
- > Horse behaviour and welfare
- > Riding horses to exercise (optional)
- > English and Maths, as required

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or equivalent, including Maths, English and Science, preferably biology or a relevant Level 2/ First Diploma. You will also require relevant practical experience, including being able to demonstrate a suitable level of riding. We also have a maximum weight limit of 13 stone.

Time Required on Campus

You will normally be in college four days per week and one day in work placement.

How You're Assessed

Work will be assessed using a variety of written assignments, practical assessments and exams. GCSE/Functional Skills exams in English and Maths will be compulsory if these have not been achieved at grade 4 when you start the course. Level 3 courses can be achieved to a pass, merit, distinction or distinction * grade.

Progression

Following the completion of this course, you will be eligible to progress to study at degree-level and/or employment.

Careers

Possible career paths include working as a competition rider, instructor, stud yard assistant, sales representative, lecturer or groom.