



# Equine Studies

accredited by the Certified Horseman's Association (CHA)



EQUINE STUDIES develops the skills and knowledge of caring for horses including feeding, grooming and such daily tasks as turnout; riding and exercising horses for a variety of purposes; cleaning and maintaining horse and riding equipment; diagnosing and treating general injuries and ailments of horses and farm management. Skills developed in this program may be used for entry-level jobs or for college level equine programs.

## Work Environment

A person who works with horses may be expected to work alone or with others in a barn and/or stable setting. The worker must be familiar with bandaging, medicating and properly equipping horses. The animals must be fed and cared for every day, 365 days a year. Work is generally begun in the early morning hours.

## Career Opportunities

Barn/Farm Manager  
Bloodstock Agent  
Breeding Technician  
Camp Facility Director  
Event Coordinator  
Equine Insurance Agent  
Equine Massage/Chiropractor  
Exercise Rider/Riding Instructor  
Farrier  
Groom  
Horse Show Judge  
Horse Transporter  
Horse Trainer  
Hot Walker - Stablehand  
Therapeutic Riding Instructor  
Veterinarian Assistant

## Advanced Standing Available\*

SUNY Alfred  
SUNY Cobleskill

\*Advanced Standing may be available to those who successfully complete this Tech course. See Articulation Agreements on page 41.

## Employment Outlook

The horse business is big business. It produces annual goods and services valued at \$25.3 billion according to a recent study commission of the American horse Council (AHC). In New York State alone, the equine related assets have been estimated at \$3.73 billion. This creates a world of opportunity for individuals seeking employment in the equine industry.

**Starting Weekly Salaries:** \$200 for a hot walker; up to \$500 for a groom; \$250-\$350 for work on a breeding farm; up to \$650 for an exercise rider.

## Student Supplies

1. Work boots and riding boots
2. Work pants
3. Appropriate clothing for climate changes, i.e. warm clothes and tee shirts

## Academic credits integrated:

See chart, page 26

## CTE Endorsement

In order to be granted the Technical Diploma endorsement, students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, including Career and Financial Management (CFM), and pass the following national certification exam: Certified Horseman's Association's CHA Advanced Level IV Horsemanship Exam.

## Course Outline

- Stable Management
- Grooming
- Equine Recordkeeping
- Farrier Science (Hoof Care)
- Horse Equipment (tack and supplies)
- Horse Anatomy
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Mechanics of Locomotion
- Training
- Shipping
- Equitation, jumping and dressage
- Reproduction
- Horse Emergencies
- Health & Maintenance
- Bandaging

## Consider these classes at Tech

- Certified Personal Trainer
- Early Childhood Education
- Medical Laboratory
- Nurse Assisting/Prof. Health Careers
- Police Science & Law
- Veterinary Assisting

All placements are based upon individual needs and approval from the district and parent/guardian.