

# UNDERSTANDING THE ACCREDITATION PATHWAY FOR THE PATH INTL CTRI

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# Get IT Right the First Time complete the Checklist and Sign it.

The Complete Application requires:

- ☐ Evidence of Equine Handling Skills - EITHER Option A or Option B
- ☐ Evidence of Equine Management Skills - EITHER Option A or Option B
- ☐ Video demonstration of Riding Instruction and Communication of Riding Skills - video and copy of photo ID uploaded to the secure PATH Intl. Dropbox
- ☐ Documentation of Experience Working with Individuals with Disabilities - EITHER Option A or Option B
- ☐ Documentation of Supervised Instruction of Therapeutic Riding Lessons - separate forms for teaching hours supervised by different CTRIs
- ☐ Proof of current adult and child CPR and first-aid certifications
- ☐ Proof of passing score on PATH Intl. Standards exam
- ☐ Signed copy of the PATH Intl. Certified Professional Code of Ethics

Before obtaining the Authorization to Test Letter.

# Part 1 – Equine Handling Skills

## Working with an Equine in a Program Setting

- Option A – 30 documented hours of equine management
- Option B – proof of participation in a recognized equestrian organization within the last 10 years.



# Part II – Equine Management Skills

Caring for Equines – health, feeding, etc

- Option A - demonstrated competence verified by a PATH Intl Certified Professional with 120 cumulative career hours of experience in Equine Management.
- Option B – documentation of an equine management and handling course of study or certification from an equine organization or institution of higher learning.



# Use this checklist for Part II – Equine Management

PATH Intl Standards for equine care, maintenance and participation and safe use of equipment for EAAT programing.

**BREEDS/COLORS/MARKINGS/PARTS OF THE EQUINE**

**EQUINE SENSES AND BEHAVIOR – can you keep people and equines safe**

**STABLE MANAGEMENT** includes tack fit

**HEALTH AND SICKNESS** includes first aid kit

**UNSOUNDNESS AND BLEMISHES/FORM TO FUNCTION** describe gaits

**SELECTION AND TRAINING** conditioning, desensitization and more

**HORSEMANSHIP, HANDLING AND SAFETY** grooming, safe movement



# PART III – VIDEO DEMONSTRATION OF RIDING INSTRUCTION AND COMMUNICATION OF RIDING SKILLS

No Longer than 20 minutes Continuous recording – NOT edited – include Mount & Dismount

Introduce applicant (clearly visible face) and rider

Upload ONLY to PATH Intl Dropbox along with Photocopy of applicant's DL or other photo ID

## **Important - Include these**

Mount, Warmup, and Dismount are all shown.

Rider is wearing helmet complying with PATH Intl Standards – give brand, model & certification

Rider is using stirrups and/or footwear complying with Path Intl Standards – stirrup type

## **Check before you Video**

Riding arena meets requirements listed in current PATH Intl Standards

All gates are securely closed during the demonstration.

All elements of the riding pattern are demonstrated in sequence.

Riding participant signed BOTH *Filming Release* and *Participant Waiver and Release of Liability* forms

# What to DO/Not to do

DO NOT prepare and read a script!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DO Teach.

Even the most advanced rider can use instructional/positional prompts

Be an instructor teaching – what, how, and why

(If you are using an advanced student, teach anyway. Explain ahead of time if you feel they will be insulted)

Show by explanation/teaching that you know correct diagonals, correct leads, proper aids for turns and gait changes.

Commit the pattern to memory and TEACH the Moment.



## PART IV: Working with Individuals with Disabilities

Option A – 25 hours of volunteer experience working with people with disabilities in a therapeutic riding lesson (leader, sidewalker, or instructor's aide)

Option B – 25 hours working with individuals with special needs outside of a therapeutic riding setting to whom you are NOT related.





## PART V: EVIDENCE OF SUPERVISED INSTRUCTION OF THERAPEUTIC RIDING LESSONS

Document 25 total hours teaching mounted therapeutic riding under supervision of a PATH Intl. CTRI with at least 120 hours of experience teaching therapeutic riding lessons.

Minimum 13 hours teaching groups of two or more riders

Maximum of 12 hours teaching individual/private lessons

Minimum of 3 hours teaching therapeutic riding to groups of two or more riders utilizing three volunteers per rider.

One lesson must include practice of emergency dismounts.

**Hours cannot be more than 2 years old on date of application and CANNOT include hours also reported for parts II, IV, and V.**

# The Written Exam

Supervised by Professional Testing Inc and PATH Intl Credentialing Department

85 multiple-choice questions.

80 are used to calculate Candidate's final score.

5 unscored questions (beta testing phase) and intermingled with the scored questions.

Equine Handling: 13.75%

Participant and Volunteer Management: 25%

Lesson Management: 27.5%

Risk Management: 22.5%

Riding Theory: 11.25%



## **Equine Handling**

- Identify unsoundness in a horse at the walk and trot.
- Demonstrate the management of equine behavior in a lesson setting.
- Identify basic horse anatomy.

## **Participant and Volunteer Management**

- Manage participant issues relating to their disabilities (e.g., behavioral, physical, sensory).
- Implement effective teaching techniques.
- Manage volunteers by providing them with directions before, during and after the lesson.

## **Lesson Management**

- Assess participant suitability for activities.
- Create a lesson plan and adjust throughout the lesson.
- Track participant progress.
- Fit equipment to horse and participant.

## **Risk Management**

- Conduct equipment safety checks during a lesson.
- Identify and correct participant body and alignment issues within a lesson setting.
- Respond to emergencies (e.g., emergency dismounts, basic horse first aid issues).

## **Riding Theory**

- Tack an equine safely and appropriately in preferred discipline.
- Demonstrate safe and appropriate arena etiquette.



# Thank You for Coming

## Enjoy the rest of the conference!



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