

Certificate III in Equine Studies– (VDSS)

COURSE CODE: 22647VIC

Description:

Are you passionate about horses and considering a future in the equine industry? This course is designed to give you the practical skills and scientific knowledge needed to care for, handle, and manage horses in a variety of settings.

This qualification provides a pathway to further training or employment in areas such as racing, breeding, equine veterinary services, riding instructor or equestrian facility management.

You will learn things like:

- Handle horses safely in stables, paddocks, and at trackwork
- Follow safe work practices in equine environments
- Understand horse anatomy and physiology, and relate form to function
- Prepare feeding programs and monitor equine health and welfare
- Identify and describe equine breeding practices, including the care of pregnant mares, foals, and young horses
- Work effectively in equine organisations and apply workplace communication and teamwork skills
- Support veterinary and breeding procedures through knowledge of horse biology and healthcare

Does this sound like you?:

- Have a genuine love of horses and a desire to work with them regularly
- Are confident and responsible around large animals
- Can remain calm, observant, and focused in dynamic or potentially hazardous environments
- Are physically capable of performing manual tasks such as grooming, mucking out, feeding, and leading horses
- Are interested in animal health, anatomy, and horse welfare
- Can work effectively in a team and follow instructions in outdoor, hands-on settings

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Please check details with nominated RTO prior to enrolment.

Venue & RTO:

RTO	Location	Delivery
GOTAFE (RTO : 3094)	Wangaratta	**Online with compulsory practical skills workshops
Hillcrest Christian College (RTO : 6441)	Berwick	Online, with school holiday face to face sessions

** Recommended 80 hours of Structured Workplace Learning across 2 years

Fees:

Your school VET Coordinator can advise on fees.

How to apply:

Speak to your school's VET Coordinator and complete the VETDSS application form. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

Qualification and Recognition:

- This course provides recognition up to six VCE credits for students: of two units at Units 1 and 2 level and a Units 3 and 4 sequence contributing two credits. Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution must opt in for a scored assessment.
- Entry into further studies within the equine industry

Career Opportunities:

- Groom
- Stable or Stud Hand
- Riding Coach
- Bloodstock agent
- Equine Nutritionist
- Mounted Police

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