



Hippotherapy Course

This is a post graduate course offered to physiotherapists who wish to work in the field of physiotherapy which uses the horse within treatment. Students are registered with Robert Gordon University and 15 transferable credits at level 11 are gained following successful completion of each module assessment.

The aims of the course are to train physiotherapists to be able to:

- assess and select equines for hippotherapy
- deliver best practice hippotherapy

Prerequisites:

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy membership
- Health Professions Council registration
- ACPTR membership
- 1 year post graduate experience
- Completion and submission of the CPTRH Equine Skills Record prior to acceptance on the course
- Applicants are required to register for the complete course

Horse riding experience:

CPTRH recommends that applicants for the Hippotherapy Course should have horse riding skills to add to their overall equine experience.

Applicants should be aware that during the Equine Module they will be required to be led at walk in an enclosed arena. This is subject to the availability of weight carrying horses and applicants' health.

For anyone who intends to practise Therapeutic Back-riding, which is demonstrated in the Hippotherapy Practice Module, CPTRH guidelines for safe practice state that the back-rider should have independent hands-free riding at walk and trot on a bareback pad, either led or lunged.

Course Structure

The course consists of 2 sequential modules and an assessment of profession practice

- Equine Module
- Hippotherapy Practice Module

Equine Module

There is pre-course study and reading which is essential to complete before this module.

This is a 4 day module. Following the module applicants will be required to submit a written assignment on the suitability of an equine of their choice for hippotherapy.



Hippotherapy Practice Module

This is a 4 day module, again pre-reading and study guidance will be given. Following the module applicants will be required to submit a written case study proposal for formative feedback which will lead into their summative written Case study assignment.

Assessment of professional practice

Students will receive information and guidance throughout the Hippotherapy Course on the delivery of best and safe practice in hippotherapy. During the hippotherapy practice module students will be assessed on their professional practice in devising and delivering a treatment plan to a selected patient.

Registration fee

A non refundable registration fee of £50 is payable to reserve a place on the course.

Course fee

The total course tuition fee is £1500. This includes registration with Robert Gordon University (RGU) for £150 per module. This does **not** include the cost of accommodation and meals but does include tea and coffee. **The balance of £1150 to CPTRH is payable at least 8 weeks prior to the start of the course. If you decide to cancel after payment this cannot be refunded unless a waiting list student can be found to fill your space.** The £150 payable to RGU is paid directly to them on registration for each module.

Should you fail an assessment re-marking will incur an additional £50 charge.

On receipt of the full fee course information will be supplied with pre-reading.

Dates and venue.

The Equine Module Friday January 26th to Monday 29th January at Clwyd Special Riding Centre, North Wales

The Hippotherapy Practice Module –Friday October 26th to Monday 29th October at Clwyd Special Riding Centre, North Wales (see web site for more information on the venue)

Excellent accommodation available but rooms may have to be shared depending on numbers.

<http://www.clwydspecialridingcentre.org.uk/>