



LEVEL 7 PG CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE ASSISTED SERVICES

The Athena Herd Foundation ACCPH accredited Level 7 Certificate course is a learner-led combination of an action research project, a written assessment, which are supported by a documented learner's reflected diary. Course delivery will be through specific group online topic sessions, supported by online learning materials and direct supervision.

As a Level 7 qualification, learners' submissions need to display critical evaluation skills; this means working with or reformulating practical solutions based on conceptual or technological skills and knowledge, as well as a broader understanding of a subject or field of work.

The core of this course is undertaking, and completing, of a vocational action research project based around your own existing professional practice. The project will undertake a critical evaluation of change in practice; it will either:

- Address an identified challenge or development need, or shortcoming in client reported outcomes, in their existing professional practice;
- Identify complementary skills, practices or modalities that can be incorporated into their client-equine interactions,
- Consider and seek to change the effect or impact on the horses engaged in the practice, or;
- Take an existing practice currently being provided to a given client group and adapt the approach for the needs and requirements of a different client group.

Other ideas or concepts can be requested.

Overall assessment

The overall Level 7 qualification assessment will be made up of the following:

- The learner's completed Action Research project, in the form of a written analysis or a poster presentation
- The objective written analysis and comparison of (learner relevant) market practices
- A reflective diary

Reasonable adjustments will be considered in support of learners' individual needs, for example recognised neuro-diverse conditions. Assessment will be on a pass or fail basis. The qualification has to be completed within 12 months of commencing, and the overall learning time for this course is a minimum of 200 hours.

On completion of the course learners will be able to use the initials PG Cert.

Summary of Level 7 PG Certificate in Equine Assisted Services