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Working in the horse industry does not require a college degree to achieve success, but a foundation of solid education can only help your endeavors. Learning the elements of equine nutrition, theory behind reproduction and basic business principles is important. But equally important, depending on your career choice, is hands-on experience in the arena, breeding shed and around the ranch. The programs gathered here offer a variety of choices for education, but all are designed to help students prepare for the future armed with knowledge and experience.

Canyonview Equestrian College
Silverton, Oregon
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Canyonview Equestrian College is a nonprofit Christian horsemanship college founded in 1994 with a unique program that combines Bible courses and discipleship, ministry and leadership training with in-depth and hands-on equine courses.

The Equestrian College program is a two-year resident work-study program that gives students real work experience in multiple phases of the horse industry. Graduates will be equipped to successfully manage, train and teach in a variety of equestrian settings.

Students develop skills in riding, training, stable management and instruction, while also delving into practical Bible classes. Participants in the program ride for 15 to 20 hours each week and gain experience riding horses in reining, cutting, dressage, hunt seat, eventing and colt starting. During the program, students participate in two Certified Horsemanship Association clinics.

Canyonview's 100-acre facility includes two barns with 51 stalls total, two indoor arenas, one outdoor arena, two roundpens, cow pens, a mechanical cow and 60 to 75

horses of all disciplines and breeds for students to ride. Students do not need to bring their own horse, but it is an option.

Canyonview's methods prepare students to use their love of horses and love of Christ to make an eternal difference in people's lives. Canyonview Equestrian College is a licensed trade school with Oregon's Department of Education. Graduates receive a Certificate of Training in Equine-Based Ministries.

Contact Ren Bannerman, president/lead instructor, at 503-931-0901 or email canyonviewdean@gmail.com for more information and a full list of classes.

**Graham School for Livestock
Men and Women**
Garnett, Kansas
grahamschoolforcattlemen.com
785-448-3119

For the past 107 years, Graham School for Livestock Men and Women has offered hands-on experience and education in managing cattle to students that include ranchers, future ranchers, dairymen and veterinary students.

The five-day program runs once a month year-round. Students learn in the classroom and on the ranch working with animals. Topics covered include pregnancy

testing, artificial insemination, calf delivery, vaccinating procedures, as well as other important subjects to the cattleman and -woman. Graduates receive a certificate of attendance and leave with valuable knowledge and experience.

Instructors bring a lifetime of ranching experience and education to each class. Students hail from around the country and even foreign nations. Classes fill up quickly and are limited to 20 students per session.

**National Intercollegiate
Rodeo Association**
Walla Walla, Washington
collegerodeo.com
509-529-4402

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association is the sanctioning body for the sport of college rodeo. Started in 1949, the NIRA supports students who actively pursue equine sports and careers by providing them with the opportunity to compete against other students, while fostering friendships. More than 110 college rodeos are sanctioned through the NIRA across 11 regions.

Within NIRA parameters, a student has six years of eligibility, and can choose to compete in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling,

team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying. At the end of the year, the top three competitors and top two teams from each region qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo, held each June in Casper, Wyoming. Between 370 and 400 students typically compete at the CNFR each year.

The athletic organization complements each student's formal college education, requiring members to be in good academic standing, maintaining a 2.0 grade point average with at least 12 academic credit hours each term. This standard is one of the highest minimum grade point averages required for any collegiate athletic program.

The NIRA Foundation offers scholarships to student members, and member institutions also offer student scholarships for NIRA team members. Today, 125 member schools and 3,500 competing athletes participate in college rodeo.

Texas A&M University College Station, Texas equine.tamu.edu 979-845-6098

Texas A&M is a land grant university and home to the largest animal science program in the nation, offering students in equine studies a valuable multi-species perspective. A number of equine courses are offered as part of the Animal Science curriculum. These include hands-on classes such as equine safety and handling, and a training class; equine nutrition, equine reproduction and equine exercise physiology; and horse judging and equine sales management, which allows students to explore various facets of the equine industry and put their knowledge to practical use.

Undergraduate students of any major can pursue these courses in order to earn an equine science certificate, which is comparable to a minor. Graduate degrees include a Master of Equine Industry Management, Master of Agriculture, Master of Science, or a PhD program focusing on horses. Texas A&M University offers the only veterinary program in Texas, and it is consistently ranked as a leading program nationally.

Texas A&M offers an equine career and industry preparation course available for all students. Graduates of Texas A&M join an influential network of fellow Aggies that can be helpful throughout their careers.

In 2009, the Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences and Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences started the Equine Initiative at Texas A&M University to support the university's equine programs. The Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM, '56 Equine Complex is touted as the highest quality collegiate equine facility in the nation, enhancing the research, teaching and outreach efforts of Texas A&M University's equine programs.

Feather River College **Equine Studies** Quincy, California frc.edu/equinestudies 800-442-9799

Feather River College is located in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains, and students in the equine programs gain experience through an intensive, hands-on approach. Feather River College prepares students for careers in the horse industry, but students can also complete general education requirements to transfer to another institution of higher learning.

Students can earn a bachelor of science in the brand-new Equine and Ranch Management program; an associate of science in Equine Science with a concentration in horse training, ranch, rodeo, or pack skills; and certificates in ranch technology, general agriculture, equine science, fundamentals of horse training skills, fundamentals of ranch skills, fundamentals of pack station and stable operations and fundamentals of rodeo techniques.

Students in the sale program work with foals and yearlings, start 2-year-olds, and train 3-year old Western stock horses to be sold at the college's annual production horse sale held each May. Students are involved with every aspect of the sale, from planning to promoting and producing the sale, and they receive a commission on project horses.

Students in the program visit trainers such as Sandy Collier and Ted Robinson. Feather River College has hosted notable clinicians, such as former student Nick Dowers, who won the 2016 Road to the Horse competition. Other speakers include horsemen Richard Winters and Bryan Neubert. The school's collegiate men's and women's rodeo teams are both nationally ranked, and the men's team was first in the nation in 2016.

Facilities include access to thousands of miles of riding trails; performance, rodeo and indoor arenas; as well as roundpens,

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Being successful at training horses or in other equine business isn't easy! It takes knowledge and experience with both horses AND business to make a difference. Equine Business Management (EBM) and Horse Training & Management (HTM) at Lamar Community College provide men and women of all ages with these benefits and much more:

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For more information or to schedule an on-campus tour with a riding interview, contact us at 719.336.6664 or equine@lamarcc.edu.



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The University of Montana Western is located in one of the most picturesque spots in the nation, in the center of an active equine community. The equine program uses an innovative experiential approach to working with horses, turning a student's passion for horses into a rewarding and successful career. Equine studies majors also have the unique benefit of working with horses on a daily basis in a brand new facility, the Montana Center for Horsemanship, located just minutes from campus.

Degrees offered include a bachelor of science in natural horsemanship, with management, psychology, science and instruction options. It is the nation's only four-year degree in natural horsemanship. Other degrees include a bachelor of science in business administration with an equine management option, an associate of applied science in equine studies and an associate of applied science in natural horsemanship.

Montana Western is the only U.S.-based four-year public institution teaching under "Experience One," in which students take a single class at a time, three hours each day, for about 18 days, and then move on to the next. Students concentrate on a single subject and truly experience their education.

For equine students, that means that they work with their horse for three and a half weeks in a hands-on environment. The result is a practical education that gives Montana Western students an advantage in real-world, equine careers.

Wyoming School of Horseshoeing
Cheyenne, Wyoming
wyomingschoolofhorseshoeing.com
307-634-4171

The Wyoming School of Horseshoeing offers three different horseshoeing courses that teach the principles of safety in the farrier environment. Students range from the do-it-yourself horse owner to those looking to make a career as a farrier.

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instruction working with different types of horses, common challenges and client communication. Students can then apply these experiences to become better, and more profitable, professional farriers.

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Wyoming School of Horseshoeing is located at a brand new facility with up-to-date equipment, forging stations and tools. The school also has a modern classroom learning environment to teach students the latest in science and technology for animal health. Free housing is provided for students while attending courses, and a meal plan is included in tuition.

Lamar Community College

Lamar, Colorado

lamarcc.edu

719-336-1580

Lamar Community College offers students a riding-intensive experience, with lots of hours in the arena. Students gain a wealth of knowledge from three associate's degree programs taught by respected trainers and equine experts. The Equine Science program is an academic-based two-year degree that is transferrable to a four-year university.

The Horse Training and Management program is designed for aspiring trainers. In the first year, students start at least three 2-year-old horses. In the second year, for the first semester students work with a broke horse and start it in a discipline of the student's choice, such as cutting, reining, working cow horse, barrels or roping. In the last semester of the second year, students participate in an internship with their chosen trainer from anywhere in the country.

Students in the Equine Business Management program take riding and training classes on their own horses, but focus on business principles; many go on to careers at breeding farms or other businesses.

The Barrel Horse Training program prepares students to start their own individual horse on barrels and ride it throughout three semesters.

Many of Lamar's graduates have become successful professional trainers and have also pursued other occupations in the equine industry.

Master of Equine Industry Management at Texas A&M University



Let's move our industry forward together...

The Master of Equine Industry Management program trains leaders with specialized skill sets in equine sciences, marketing, management, public affairs, communication and leadership.

Program Highlights:

- 42 credit program
- Cohort of selected students each year
- Multiple professional internships
- Professional mentorship program
- Enhanced extracurricular learning opportunities

Prerequisite Coursework:

- Bachelor Degree in or with an emphasis in Equine Science or comparable coursework
- Equivalent industry experience

Master of Equine Industry Management Required Coursework:

- Equine Core (12 credits)
- Leadership & Communication (12 credits)
- Business (9 credits)
- Professional Internship (9 credits)
- Directed Studies - Professional Project (3 credits)

***For more information contact the Texas A&M University Equine Initiative at
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Central Wyoming College Riverton, Wyoming cwc.edu 800-735-8418

Central Wyoming College provides several equine studies programs to students, while allowing them to bring their own horses along in the training classes. Available degrees include an associate of science in Equine Science, which prepares students for a subsequent transfer to a four-year university. The associate of applied science in Equine Management is designed to provide students with equine facility management skills and the opportunity to integrate these skills into day-to-day equine production, health, boarding, and training practices.

Certificates are available in equine management, CHA teaching riding, equine training and farrier science.

Graduates go on to pursue careers as horse trainers, riding instructors, equine nutritionists, wild horse and burro managers, barn managers, facility managers and farriers. Because students are provided with teaching in more than a dozen equine areas of study, they enjoy a diverse base of riding experience for future careers. The educator-to-student ratio is small and many concepts are learned in a hands-on environment.

Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado equinescience.agsci.colostate.edu 970-491-8373

Colorado State University's four-year comprehensive bachelor of science degree program in Equine Sciences has more than 28 equine-specific classes including disease management, sales production, handling, event management, foaling management, therapeutic riding, nutrition, behavior, production and industry, reproduction, training, packing and outfitting, genetics, exercise physiology and evaluation (judging). Equine photography is the program's newest class, and it has gotten positive reviews.

Graduates of the program have pursued careers in equine reproduction, training, therapeutic riding, equine publications, product development, sales and event management, nutrition and feed sales, or as breed association administrators. Other graduates pursue advanced degrees through the veterinary school or master's programs.

Colorado State's extracurricular clubs include the English Riding Club, Ranch Horse Club, Polo Team, Rodeo Club, Mountain Riders Club, Equine Assisted Activities & Therapies Club, Collegiate Horseman's Association, Equine Sciences Stewards and Horse Judging team. Students can also gain valuable experience through the annual Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale, now in its 12th year. ■



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