



Therapeutic Horsemanship Programming Internship

Our Mission- Central Kentucky Riding for Hope is dedicated to enriching the community by improving the quality of life and the health of children and adults with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs through therapeutic activities with the horse.

Overview- As the Therapeutic Horsemanship Programming intern, you will work alongside our therapeutic programming team to ensure the smooth and timely flow of our daily therapeutic riding lessons. We are looking for someone who is an energetic and collaborative self-starter with a passion for enriching lives through horses. This position is unpaid, but hours can go towards class credit and/or PATH Int'l Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification.

Requirements:

- Available to work Feb-May, May-Aug, or Aug-Dec
- Must be enrolled in a college or university
- Must be able to walk and stand during therapeutic horsemanship activities with reasonable accommodations
- Some horse-handling experienced required
- Available to work 20-25 hours a week or as schedule/class requires

Responsibilities Include:

- Serve in lessons as a leader and/or side walker
- Assist with day-to-day barn chores, such as cleaning stalls and sanitizing equipment
- Learn how to identify and pull tack for lessons
- Create therapeutic horsemanship lesson plans, lessons props, and arena set-ups
- Assist and advise instructional staff on lesson planning
- Familiarize yourself with program scheduling and make suggestions for scheduling conflicts and processes
- Become acquainted with participant and equine needs to match them with horses and lesson objectives
- Provide constructive feedback to improve overall flow of therapeutic programming
- Shadow Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors
- Learn to create specific and measurable participant goals and log them, along with participant notes, into Salesforce for record-keeping

An ideal candidate will...

- Have a positive and pragmatic attitude

- Bring a fresh and energized perspective to the program
- Have a passion for working with individuals with special needs
- Possess a safety-first mindset when around horses
- Approach this position with creativity and optimism

To apply, please fill out the online internship application located at ckrh.org/internships/