

Purpose Statement

Level 6 Diploma in Equine Physiotherapy (RQF)

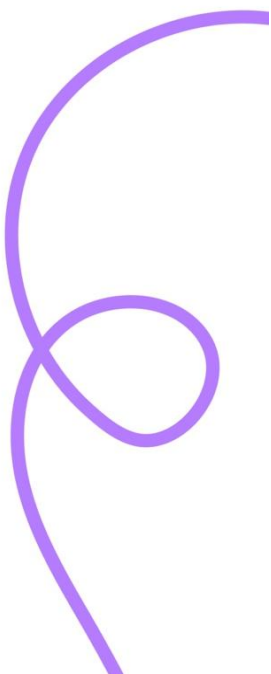
This is an occupational related qualification, and the primary purpose is to provide you with an in depth understanding of equine therapy and rehabilitation along with the occupational competence required to work as an Equine Physiotherapist. As such you will need to be in paid or voluntary work to achieve the qualification. It has been designed and is for delivery through The Open College of Equine Studies (TOCES) exclusively.

Who is it for?

This qualification is designed for learners who would like to work within the field of equine physiotherapy and would like to formalise this through achieving a recognised qualification. This qualification is designed to meet the needs of learners aiming to work in the field of equine physiotherapy, providing the skills required to work as an equine healthcare paraprofessional and carry out non-invasive therapeutic techniques.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification will take 1,200 hours to complete. You will need to complete and achieve 5 (five) mandatory units. Included in this time, you will complete 460 hours of practice hours including practical assignment tasks, independent external work experience and observation/ shadowing qualified equine physiotherapists. The subjects you will study are:

- Research Methods
 - Further Applied Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation
 - Applied Equine Physiotherapy
 - Contemporary Issues in Equine Health and Welfare
 - Independent Research Project
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What are the entry requirements?

This qualification is suitable for you if you are aged 19+. You will then be required to meet the following entry requirements:

- Open Awards Level 5 Diploma in Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation (RQF)

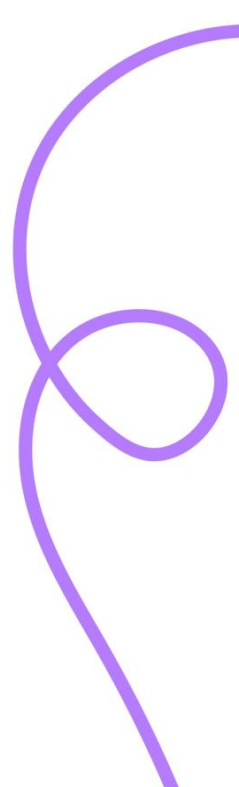
OR (Direct entry):

- A qualification in Equine Massage at level 5 or above, typically with a value of 120 credits or
- BSc or above in Veterinary Medicine, or Veterinary Physiotherapy
- Learners with English as a second language, or those who have not studied
- the final two years of school in English, must demonstrate capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 5.5 or ESOL B2 Communicator (Pass).

Direct entry students must also complete the following units as a condition of entry:

Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Physiotherapy
Unit 4.6 Manual Therapies	Unit 5.10 Thermal, Magnetic and Electro Therapies
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Evidence of Accredited Prior Learning (APL) will be considered where relevant.



What are the assessment methods?

The qualification is assessed by a portfolio of evidence and will include a final 8000-word dissertation thesis. As this is a competence-based qualification, you will be acquiring the knowledge and skills through either real-life experience or a simulated learning environment. The assessment methods are:

- Learner workbooks
- Real-life case studies
- Literature review
- Designing and carrying out an equine rehabilitation programme
- Practical Assessments
- Online discussion
- Research proposal
- Dissertation Thesis

Practical study is required during the qualification to evidence your practical experience. This practical study could include:

- Practical work at study weeks
- Professional occupational experience
- Case studies
- Shadowing qualified equine physiotherapists
- Independent external work experience.

This will be completed in the minimum of 460 hours of practical work during this qualification.

What are the progression opportunities?

Progression opportunities include working as an Equine Physiotherapist or as an equine healthcare paraprofessional carrying out non-invasive therapeutic techniques. As the qualification is open to UK and international learners, progression opportunities are chiefly into self-employed roles within the learners' own country.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by The Open College of Equine Studies (TOCES). Upon regulation, The Register of Animal Musculoskeletal Practitioners [RAMP] will add their endorsement to this qualification. This purpose statement will be updated when this is in place.

