

COUNTRY FARM STUD LTD



WORK BASED LEARNING DIPLOMAS
NVQ COURSES
EDUCATIONAL VISITS



We have been established for 20 years and have grown from a small family run stud to one of the largest Sports Horse Stud Farms in the UK with the underlying reason for this growth being customer referrals and recognition. Owned and managed by Karen Raine, who is a Equine Lecturer, BHS Int SM, NVQ Assessor, specialist Breeding & Performance Horse Assessor and A.I. Technician. We are an approved NVQ education and training centre providing excellent facilities which resulted in achieving the Blue Cross Animals in Education award for excellent care, facilities and use of horses in the training of students.



WORK BASED LEARNING

All current research shows that employers value Work Based Qualifications in much higher esteem than college courses. We pride ourselves in producing the quality and type of students that the industry wants to employ. If you are serious about a career in the Equine Industry then this is the place for you.

STUDENTS AND APPRENTICES

With the diversity of the yard, the real life hands on experience offered to students is vast. Work based Diplomas (NVQ) are offered at Level 2 and 3 with options of:

- Riding
- Breeding
- Youngstock Training
- Care of the Competition horse



TRAINING STUDENT PLACES

Students are taken for Work Based Diploma courses (NVQ) Level 2 & 3, although registration is through Carven College the whole qualification is delivered on site. There are no fees for these courses as in most circumstances they are fully funded, all they cost to you is time.

Part time :- For students within commuting distance the course can be run three days per week and can be based around any other commitments. This enables students to get a part time job to run alongside their training.

Full time :- We have a limited number of residential places for students wishing to do the course 5 days per week. This self catering accommodation comes with no bills and free Wi Fi.

All of our courses are run on a roll on roll off bases, therefore you are not tied to a set start date in the academic calendar. Each student also has their own individual learning plan designed to fit around their strengths and weaknesses. By having their own timescales and targets they are not held back by a group timetable.

Apprenticeship :- We occasionally have Level 3 Advanced Apprentice places available, these are very sought after positions.



WORK EXPERIENCE

We take Equine, Veterinary and Vet Nursing students regularly on work experience placements from a week to whole summer placements.

Foreign students can also be catered for.

We also cater for school work experience students

Training with us means that you will have *actually* foaled a mare, loaded horses on a wagon and groomed at a County Show, not just written about it. Gaining a qualification on such a well known stud also ensures that you stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs. Students graduate with the knowledge and hands on experience to enable them to progress and achieve success in the industry. This is proven by past students who have achieved some top positions both here and abroad, in Australia as mare barn managers, USA in the TB breeding industry, as competition grooms on the Sunshine Tour, as well as head girl/lad posts in Breeding, Showing, Eventing and Show Jumping Yards.



SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DAYS

As well as the regular courses we run listed below we can organise bespoke days for Schools and Colleges which can be tailor made to fit in with any curriculum.

Students who are studying Equine or Veterinary Nursing can also come along to have a taylor made visit to suit their own learning outcomes. Practical and theoretical sessions can take place to allow for all experience levels. These can include practical sessions on stallion management, semen collection and processing, dummy mare training, STI's and testing, faecal egg counting, foaling, mare and foal handling A.I, pregnancy scanning, backing and schooling. On top of any of these, theory sessions can also be carried out in our classroom and can include underpinning knowledge on any of the subjects covered in practice.

We already work closely with a number of colleges who regularly bring students to access our superb facilities.



The following is feedback we have received from visiting students:

I went as an apprentice to Country Farm Stud after spending a year at College and deciding it was not for me, I achieved my NVQ Level 2 and 3. I then stayed on for a further two years to become show groom and head girl I can't put a price on the experience or knowledge I have had and learned from Karen. It was a truly unique experience that I wouldn't change or have missed for the world!" - Nancy Dunn

What a fantastic visit to Country Farm Stud today. The Equine Foundation Degree students from Craven College really enjoyed themselves and have come away with a wealth of knowledge to boot! Many thanks to Karen and the team. I look forward to our next visit- Danielle Fox

I completed my NVQ 2 and Level 3 Work Based Diploma at Country Farm Stud, the wide range of experience and training I gained whilst working with Karen has enabled me to go on to work at some of the top yards in the country. If you are looking for a starting block in the equine industry, I cannot recommend a better place." - Camille Best

Contact us for more information on any of the courses and availability.

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