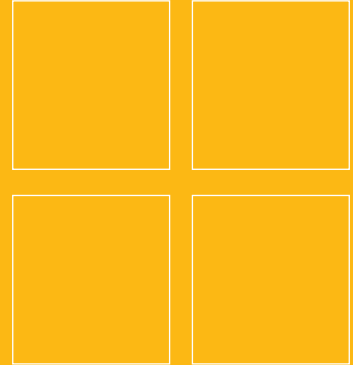


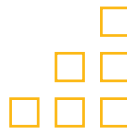
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College overview

The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) is the Centre of Excellence within Northern Ireland for education and training in food and land-based subjects. The College, with campus locations at Enniskillen, Greenmount (Antrim) and Loughry (Cookstown) offers a wide and unique range of courses in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, equine, food and rural studies.

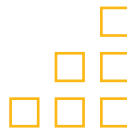
An extensive range of full and part-time courses, and dedicated staff with strong industry links combine to ensure that our students gain the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in challenging and rewarding careers in the agri-food and rural industries. If you wish to find out more, contact us to arrange a visit to view our superb range of resources and modern facilities.



The equine industry

The equine industry is an international one and opportunities exist for graduates to travel worldwide and enjoy a wide variety of careers working directly with horses or within ancillary businesses. Highly qualified technical people and good managers are required for the equine industry to remain competitive and further develop the sector.

Enniskillen Campus provides the widest range of equine education programmes in Ireland. A qualification from Enniskillen Campus will equip you with the necessary skills and expertise to follow a rewarding career in the equine industry.



BSc (Hons) in Equine Management

Duration:

Three years full-time.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

240 UCAS tariff points, equivalent to three 'A' levels at Grade C or higher (to include one science subject) or 380 points in Irish Leaving Certificate including one science subject at Higher level. Applicants must have at least a Grade C in GCSE English or equivalent.

How to apply:

UCAS code: D322.

Main areas of study:

Equine veterinary science, equitation/racing/breeding enterprise management, nutrition, business management, marketing, behaviour and rehabilitation and information technology.

Progression opportunities:

Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses.



Student's view: Ian McCluggage

"My first year on the BSc in Equine Management course was brilliant because it combined both practical and academic subjects. This approach helped to me gain an underpinning knowledge of the key aspects of the industry. During lectures I learned about the anatomy and physiology of the horse along with how to maintain their general well being. This was complemented by sessions on how to improve my own practical skills such as riding and stable management."



FdSc in Equine Management

Duration:

Two years full-time, including eleven weeks of work placement.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

100 UCAS tariff points, equivalent to one 'A' level pass, plus three GCSE subjects at Grade C including English or equivalent. Irish Leaving Certificate should include two Grade C1s at Higher level or equivalent.

How to apply:

UCAS code: D422.

Main areas of study:

Equitation or racing, nutrition, breeding management, animal health and horse husbandry.

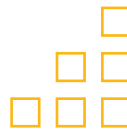
Progression opportunities:

Students can progress onto the second year of the BSc (Hons) in Equine Management or other relevant courses.



Graduate's view: Megan Quinn

"Completing the Foundation Degree was an excellent basis for my continuing studies on the BSc (Hons) programme at Enniskillen Campus. The wide range of modules offered on the Foundation Degree gave me a great understanding and knowledge base of how the industry functions while the three-month work placement allowed me to put what I had learned into practice. I also really enjoyed doing my final year investigative project which allowed me to study an area that I was interested in."



Honours Certificate and Honours Diploma in Science (Equine Science) through distance learning

Duration:

Two years (minimum) for the Honours Certificate, three years (minimum) for the Honours Diploma.

Location:

Home and out-centres for tutorials and group work.

Entry requirements:

Honours Certificate: Five GCSE passes if under 23 years of age (including Mathematics, English and another language).

Honours Diploma:
Honours Certificate

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

Main areas of study:

Horsemanship, the horse industry, equine physiology, fundamentals of equine locomotion, equine health and disease, equine breeding, equine nutrition and various business modules.

Progression opportunities:

Graduates in the Honours Diploma in Science (Equine Science) obtaining a 2:1 award may be considered for entry to the full-time, BSc in Equine Management at Enniskillen Campus or the BSc Science (Equine Science) at the University of Limerick.



Graduate's view: Joanne Wood

"I enjoyed studying for the Honours Certificate (Equine Science) through Distance Learning. The equine anatomy and physiology and the equine health modules were really relevant and these have helped me within my current job. I work full-time in a racing yard and find that I can apply the knowledge gained through the course as part of my everyday work."



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management (formerly known as the National Diploma in Horse Management)

Duration:

Two years full-time, including a ten week work placement.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

Normally four GCSE passes at Grade C or above including English and Mathematics or four C3s at Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level including English and Mathematics. Competency in riding is essential for those wishing to study riding options.

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

Main areas of study:

Equitation or horse rehabilitation and therapy, horse husbandry, breeding and stud practices, business management and anatomy and physiology.

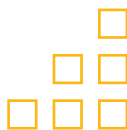
Progression opportunities:

Depending on results, students can progress onto the Foundation Degree or the Honours Degree in Equine Management.



Student's view: Áobheánn McCabe

"I've always been interested in the equine industry and so I completed the First Diploma in Horse Care and have now progressed onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma. I am thoroughly enjoying the course and I am finding the modules that we are studying very interesting. I am learning a lot about horse management and care. I am also enjoying the practical work on the yards, even the early morning yard duties. I am looking forward to my work placement in the industry so that I can widen my knowledge of the equine industry even more."



BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care (formerly known as the First Diploma in Horse Care)

Duration:

One year full-time, including a five week work placement.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent including Mathematics and English. Basic skills in horse riding are essential for those wishing to undertake the riding module.

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

Main areas of study:

Riding, feeding and watering horses, horse handling, horse biology, stable duties and estate maintenance.

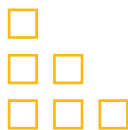
Progression opportunities:

Depending on results, students can progress onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management.



Student's view: Leanne Buchanan

"I am finding the course very useful and I am gaining great experience working with a range of horses. I am really enjoying the riding module and learning new skills. I also enjoy the early mornings riding out the racehorses! I now definitely know that I would like to have a career in the equine industry in the future."



Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care/Racehorse Care*

Duration:

Up to 18 months part-time.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent including English and Mathematics. Basic skills in horse riding are essential for those wishing to undertake the riding module.

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

Main areas of study:

Routine horse care, monitoring horse health, cleaning and maintaining stables, providing feed and water to horses and restraining horses.

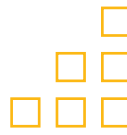
Progression opportunities:

Depending on results, students can progress onto a Level 3 qualification or are well positioned to be employed in a diverse range of roles within the equine industry.



Student's view: Francisca Carton

"Studying for a vocational qualification in Racehorse Care was great. In addition to demonstrating that I had a sound knowledge of the theory of caring for horses I was assessed on my ability to carry out a range of practical tasks including: providing food and water, mucking out, monitoring horse health and restraining horses. I regularly use the skills gained as part of my daily work with horses."



Farrier Upskilling Programme

Duration:

The programme is delivered on two days per month for approximately two years.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

Suitable for farriers already practicing in the industry, with two years of verifiable experience.

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

Main areas of study:

Principles of equine anatomy, physiology, conformation, dynamics and movement, injuries and ailments/diseases affecting the foot and limb. Practical skills include the making of many different types of shoes from steel stock and using coke and gas forges.

As part of the final assessment, students are required to produce a portfolio of hand made horseshoes for the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) examination.



Student's view: Patrick Coyle

"I'm already working in the industry with my father, so this is an ideal course for me. The course is proving to be really useful and offers a great balance of practical and theory work. I enjoy the forge work sessions as I can continue to practise what I learn at the College back at home."



Pre-Farriery Programme

Duration:

One year full-time including a five week work placement.

Location:

Enniskillen Campus.

Entry requirements:

Normally two Grade Cs or three Grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent including English and Mathematics.

How to apply:

Direct application to the College.

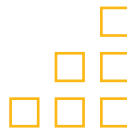
Main areas of study:

BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care, NPTC Level 2 Certificate in Forgework, Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy.



Student's view: Stephen Harte

"I am really enjoying the course. It's hard work but there's also a good social life at Enniskillen too! I am learning a lot of new skills in the forge and also equine skills as part of the Level 2 Diploma. I would like to get a farrier apprenticeship at the end of the course so that I can become a qualified farrier."



Careers in the equine industry

The equine industry is an international business with job opportunities worldwide in many fields. Enniskillen Campus has a wide range of contacts enabling students to broaden their experiences and horizons. The following are some of the careers available:

Competition and stud grooms

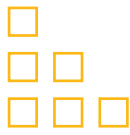
Grooms should be in excellent health and be physically fit, hard working, skilled and motivated. Some grooms also ride and compete in their chosen discipline. Progression to head groom or travelling groom may become available with experience.

Riders

There are jobs worldwide for lightweight, experienced work riders. Talented, dedicated riders can progress in their area of expertise to become competition riders or jockeys.

Farriers

Farriery is a craft which can provide a good income as well as a lot of job satisfaction. However it does involve a lot of back bending, patience and skill to deal with fractious animals. A good farrier should possess a sound knowledge of both the theory and practice of the craft.



Yard managers

To successfully manage an equine yard, people require technical and practical competences coupled with the ability to make sound business decisions in a changing environment.

Racehorse trainers

Racehorse trainers must be good communicators and managers. The ultimate goal is to train a string of racehorses and achieve success on the track. This can be achieved through experience within the industry, working up from a groom/work rider through assistant trainer thus gaining vital experience.

Riding instructors

If you possess a true desire to teach, this vocation will provide you with constant challenges and job satisfaction. You should be enthusiastic, self-confident and patient and have a sense of humour combined with good communication skills.

Technical sales representatives

An increasing number of companies such as feed merchants and equipment retailers, bloodstock sales companies and alternative therapy businesses supply a wide range of materials and equipment to the industry. Sales representatives must have a thorough knowledge of their products and the ability to develop a positive rapport with customers.



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Lecturers

There are growing equine-related education and training job opportunities for equine graduates. Equine lecturers require good technical knowledge, the ability to apply specialist expertise and good communication skills.

Service industries

A variety of service industries such as insurance brokers and the tourism industry employ people with an equine background to provide a better service to their clients.

Administration

Opportunities exist in administration, marketing and handicapping within Weatherbys, The Jockey Club, Show Jumping Associations, Bloodstock businesses and other prominent equine organisations.



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Course contacts

For further information please refer to our prospectus or website or contact the relevant Course Managers:

Course Title: BSc (Hons) and FdSc in Equine Management
Course Manager: Finbarr Daly
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Course Title: Honours Certificate and Honours Diploma in Science (Equine Science) through Distance Learning & Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care/Racehorse Care

Course Manager: Jane Elliott
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Course Title: Extended Diploma in Horse Management, Diploma in Horse Care and Pre-farriery courses

Course Manager: Sharon McLaren
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Course Title: Farriery Upskilling programme
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