



Australian College of Equine Podiotherapy

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Introduction

The Australian College of Equine Podiotherapy is a private college dedicated to the ongoing education of professional hoof care providers. The Diploma of Equine Podiotherapy content is based on years of "in the field" experience by professionals, along with the findings of veterinarians and leading research scientists who have been at the fore front of rehabilitative hoof care practices and education, both in Australia and the United States of America.

The Diploma includes detailed distal limb studies presented by world leading researcher Professor Robert Bowker, PhD Neurobiology University of Pennsylvania 1979, VMD Veterinary Medicine University of Pennsylvania 1973, BS Biology/Chemistry Springfield College 1969.

Professor Bowker is the head of the Equine Hoof Laboratory research team at Michigan State University and is responsible for most of the recent breakthroughs that have allowed us a better understanding of hoof function as it affects lifelong soundness.

The course was awarded National Accreditation in early 2015 and is currently being delivered by The Australian College of Equine Podiotherapy via the Registered Training Organisation – CEACA Inc. (Continuing Education & Arts Centre of Alexandra, RTO number 3730).

They continue to resource cutting edge Equine hoof science and technology, using leading hoof specialists from all over the world to lecture at the College. This ensures that students are kept up to date with the ever evolving Equine barehoofcare industry

What is an Equine Podiotherapist? (*Pronounced equine pod-eye-oh-therapist*).

An Equine Podiotherapist (EPT) is a specialist in the modality of rehabilitative natural hoof care; a professional whose knowledge of the hoof covers all aspects of anatomy, function and the hoof pathologies that make horses unsound.

Equine podiotherapists have an understanding of the latest research as it applies to rehabilitative hoof care and also understand the secondary musculo-skeletal issues that stem from the equine compensating for a life on sore feet. An Equine Podiotherapist is in fact a "hoof therapist" in every sense of the word.



About the Diploma

How is the two year Diploma Delivered?

During the first year, there are four intense blocks at the college. Each block is a mixture of practical sessions and lectures; sometimes night lectures are held. This is complemented with distance learning modules. The first day will be an afternoon to complete formal enrolment procedures.

Blocks generally commence on a Wednesday or Thursday and run until Monday or Tuesday. We include a weekend to reduce the days that participants are absent from other work commitments.

During the following 12 months, students compile an observation based case study portfolio to prove competence.

Block Dates for 2018.

February	14 th	(from 12pm - Enrolment)
February	15 th – 20 th	(6 days)
April	18 th – 24 th	(7 days)
August	15 th – 20 th	(6 days)
October	24 th – 30 th	(7 days)



* Please note, dates may be subject to change.

Overview of Subjects Studied.

- Distal limb anatomy and physiology.
- Equine orthopedics.
- Practical hoof care.
- Equine biology.
- Integrated equine biomechanics.
- Equine hoof development.
- Managing gross hoof deformities.
- Rehabilitation for laminitis, Navicular and other pathologies.
- Veterinary aspects of barefoot rehabilitation.
- Nutrition as it affects hoof growth and laminitis recovery.
- Hoof boots for rehabilitation and competition.
- Advanced horse handling strategies.
- Occupational health and safety for professional hoof trimmers.
- Practice and business management.
- Equine First Aid



Before completing the Diploma students are required to demonstrate that they have completed a 'Provide First Aid' for People course. This will need to be applied for as a credit transfer.

Lecture Times. Lectures commence at 9.00am and end at 4.30pm. On occasion a change to start & finish time may be necessary, or a night lecture may be added. During these circumstances Students will be notified the day before.

Text Books. All text books are supplied as part of the course fees, along with electronic subject notes (available off a student login area of the website). Students will need to provide their own writing materials etc. Additional reference material will be given to students at the commencement of each lesson.

Assessments. Assignments will be issued throughout the course and must be completed as set by the lecturer. Other assessment tasks may include small tests, in class activities and practical exams. All assignments must be submitted with a completed Cover Sheet and electronically via a data stick/disc. Students are advised to register post and/or retain a copy of assignments posted. All assignments and assessment tasks must be completed prior to your final year. It is highly desirable that students own a computer with internet access.

Case Studies. After the completion of Block 4 lectures, students are required to apply the knowledge and understanding gained from the Diploma to create a portfolio of 15 Case studies, covering the various hoof pathologies. The Portfolio should be submitted no later than 12 months after lectures are completed, and are a major requirement to Graduate in the Diploma.

Recognition for Prior Learning. This course is unlike any other in its depth of content relating to the distal limb therefore it is compulsory to attend all the lectures. RPL is available for students whom have completed the Diploma of Equine Podiotherapy *prior* to accreditation or have completed any of the Units of Competency that make up the Diploma, elsewhere.

Diploma. After you successfully complete the Case Study portfolio, assessment & practical examinations, you will be awarded a Diploma of Equine Podiotherapy from the Australian College of Equine Podiotherapy and CEACA Inc.

Course Location and Facilities

Course Location. The campus is located at the Mayfield Barehoofcare Centre, 470 Middle Creek Road Yarck Victoria 3719. Ph. (03) 5773 4358. www.barehoofcare.com The Mayfield campus is approximately 1hour 45 minutes by car from Melbourne airport

Facilities. The classroom is fitted with an air conditioner and heater. The campus has showers and toilets, a heated common room and kitchen and several types of accommodation. There is also a pool for students to use in the summer if they wish.



Meals. Tea & Coffee facilities are always available to students, and Morning & Afternoon tea is supplied by the college. Students are responsible for providing all their own main meals.

What to Bring

Attire. Dress is casual for class room lectures. Please wear long pants and strong leather foot wear for practical days with horses. Steel capped boots are not allowed but composite boots are. It is compulsory for students to wear trimming gloves during practicals, you can bring your own or purchase them from the College.

Hard Hats. It is a condition of our insurance that students **MUST** wear an approved Australian Standard riding helmet whilst they are handling, trimming or treating animals. Please bring your own helmet with you to all practical sessions. Students who do not have an approved riding safety helmet will not be permitted to work with live horses.

Trimming Tools. Good quality tools make the job of trimming so much easier. Students receive a 10% discount on all tools (except rasps) once they have commenced the course. The 10% discount expires at the end of the fourth block. Tools can be viewed on the online shop www.barehoofcare.com and purchased over the phone (03) 57734306 or whilst at the College. Students must bring their own tools to the practical trimming sessions, only those students travelling via Aircraft are eligible to loan tools from the Barefoot Blacksmith on site.



Cameras. Students are encouraged to bring a camera, ideally capable of high resolution photographs, to capture images from the practical sessions. Students will also need a camera to complete their Case Study history photos whilst at home.

What else to bring. For practical sessions, whilst working outdoors, please bring sun block cream, and a refillable water bottle. Electrolyte drinks are also good for hot days. A small cooler bag is a convenient way to keep your drinks and lunch fresh and out of the sun. Yarck can be very chilly in winter so it's a good idea to bring a quality rain coat and enough clothes so you can "layer" in the winter. It is recommended that students bring a laptop or ipad with internet access.

Special Needs. Delivering hoof care professionally is a demanding and highly physical outdoor job. If you have any special needs, medical conditions, allergies etc., you may wish to speak to us about these before you register.



Enrolment Documents & Fees

Pre-enrolment.

Prior to enrolment you will be required to complete the 'Pre-enrolment registration of interest' document.

Enrolment.

- Please contact the college to confirm there is a position available
- An enrolment pack, including an enrolment form will be emailed or sent out to you
- To enrol you must; complete and return your enrolment form alongside a valid Unique Student Identifier (USI), provide photo evidence of identity, complete the Victorian Training Guarantee declaration, and make a \$1000 deposit to confirm your position.
- Once your \$1000 deposit and enrolment documents have been received, you will be issued with a receipt and your place in the Diploma is confirmed. If some time elapses between checking available positions, and then making a deposit, be sure to call the college and confirm a place is still available, before transferring money.
- An enrolment afternoon will be held the day prior to commencing block 1 where students will complete a Police Check and an interview will be conducted to assess the students LLN skills. It is designed to provide a snapshot of the skill levels of the people enrolling in the diploma of Equine Podiotherapy, giving an indication of whether they will assist the student to seek further support or tuition and also support the lecturers to plan appropriately.

Course Fees. The proposed full fee for the course is \$7,000.00. This is inclusive of a non-refundable deposit of \$1000 which secures your position in the Diploma. Student numbers are limited. Placements are allocated to those that not only return forms, but have also made Deposits. Students may be eligible for Centrelink study payments and Victorian Students may be eligible for the Victorian Training Guarantee funding.

Payment Plan. To assist with the cost of the course, the College offers a student payment plan. Once the \$1000 non-refundable deposit has been paid to book your enrolment, the balance is divided into four instalments.

Instalment 1, due 3 weeks prior to Block 1. \$1500.

Instalment 2, due 3 weeks prior to Block 2. \$1500.

Instalment 3, due 3 weeks prior to Block 3. \$1500.

Instalment 4, due 3 weeks prior to Block 4. \$1500

Students must sign and complete the payment plan contract. Failure to lodge instalment 1, may result in your place being offered to another person on the waiting list.



Making a Payment.

- Direct Deposits are our preferred method of payment. Please forward proof of the transfer with your enrolment forms, and be sure to clearly mark your transfer with your name as a reference.

Account Details for Direct Deposits:

ACC Name: Australian College of Equine Podiotherapy

Commonwealth Bank Bega NSW. BSB: 062505 ACC NO: 1021 8028

- Money Orders and Cheques, are also accepted by the College, however, cheques must be received at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement date to allow them to clear. Dishonoured cheques incur a 10% late bank fee.
- Credit Cards payment are also accepted by the College, however these payments will incur an additional 2% levy to cover Bank Charges. Credit Card payments can be made via telephoning the office on (03) 5773 4358. Please do not email your card details for reasons of security.

Refund Policy. The \$1000 enrolment deposit is not Refundable, but can be transferred so that the Student may commence their Diploma with the next intake. All other payments may be refunded at the discretion of the Directors, should a student be unable to attend the course due to extenuating circumstances.

Questions. Contact us between 9am - 12pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday (03)5773 4358 or email admin@equinepodiotherapy.com.au.