

BHS Horse Knowledge and Riding Studies

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Examination Board: BHS

Specification: Various

Preferred Previous Studies

It would be an advantage to have completed GCSE English and to become a British Horses Society Gold Member. It would be essential to have an interest in animals, animal welfare and the outdoors.

Why Study BHS Horse Knowledge and Riding Studies

The British Horse Society is one of the largest sports organisations in the UK with in excess of 92,000 members. They have a long established examination body that are international recognised. The BHS are the leaders in equestrian standard setting across the world. The equine industry is one of the few sports organisations that have a long standing recognised examination system which was established in the 1950s. During 2017, BHS Professional Pathway Examinations were introduced to replace the previous BHS stages system resulting in increased accessibility to equestrian sport and qualification opportunities.



These courses are aimed at a wide range of participants from those with little or no experience with horses to those already with an involvement with the equine sector. In order to facilitate the course we have partnered with Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre – Otley.



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Career Opportunities

Studying with the BHS Professional Pathway develops transferable skills and knowledge which can be used diversely both inside the equine and animal care provision and also in other sectors.

The BHS pathway would provide support to those interested in pursuing careers in coaching, riding and schooling, yard management and business, racing, animal nursing, veterinary environments, animal therapies and animal nutrition or sports retail.

The skills and knowledge developed on the BHS Pathway can support future learning in medicine, human behaviour, human therapy, business, photography, child care and, of course, equine science.

Course Content and Assessment

The specific course/s to be undertaken from the options below would be dependent on the candidate's previous experience and career aspirations.

Course name	Level	Delivery / Assessment	Progression	Achievement
BHS Essential Horse Knowledge Certificate	1 & 2	Mainly classroom based. Formal written assessment. NON RIDING.	Progressive Riding Tests.	Levels 1 & 2 plus accreditation of unit 4 on BHS professional pathway level 1.

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BHS Progressive Riding Tests	1 - 6	Classroom and equestrian centre with horse riding. Assessment continuous and bespoke to learner assessed by Acrecliffe's BHS Assessors.	BHS Ride safe then entry to BHS Stage 2 Pathway Riding, Horse Care and Coach.	Successful completion to level 6 accredited with equivalent of BHS stage 1 professional pathway.

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BHS Ride Safe	Stand-alone	Classroom and equestrian centre based with horse riding. 4 hour written, oral and practical riding assessment with BHS external examiners at Acrecliffe.	BHS Trek Leaders awards. This is a compulsory requirement in order to achieve full BHS stage 1 pathway.	BHS Ride safe award.

Course name	Level	Delivery / Assessment	Progression	Achievement
BHS Stage 1 Professional Pathway	Level 1 with BHS Ride Safe	Classroom and equestrian centre based with horse riding. 5 hour oral, practical riding assessment with BHS external examiners at Acrecliffe.	BHS Stage 2 professional pathway Horse Care, Riding and Coaching.	BHS Stage 1 professional pathway.