

Certified Horsemanship Association Equine Facility Management Certification

Certification clinics may be held at commercial equine operations (more than 35 head) that offer a diversity of functions to enable testing the program content through all four levels. Ideal host sites would include boarding/lesson/training operations, trail/dude operations, college facilities, competition centers, breeding farms, etc.

Clinic participants will be evaluated on skills and knowledge by two CHA Certified EFM Clinicians, in five areas:

1. Safety
2. Horse Handling
3. Horse Husbandry
4. Facilities and Equipment
5. Professionalism

Skills/knowledge will be demonstrated at each level, by either a written test or a hands-on skills demonstration, oral examination.

1. Stable Worker: safe horse handling, stall cleaning, turn out, feeding, parts of the horse, signs of wellness and sickness, securing horses.
2. Stable Manager: basic equine nutrition, horse first-aid and wound care; vital signs; routine health maintenance; grooming and bathing; bedding and manure management; hoof care; bandaging and protective boots; animal welfare.
3. Herd Manager: resource management (facility, equipment, supplies); scheduling staff and programs; risk management; stallion/broodmare care; pasture management; infectious disease control; record keeping; medications and supplements; personnel management; environmental impact; communication skills; herd nutrition; saddle fit; emergency procedures.
4. Equine Facility Manager: business and personnel development; budgeting commercial operations; strategic planning; policies and procedures; employment law and payroll; insurance; communication skills; people skills; conflict resolution; federal regulations; animal welfare; show grooming and clipping; horse selection and evaluation; staff training; disaster planning.

Interested in hosting a certification clinic? Contact Jill Montgomery at jill@JRAMEnterprises.com or (719) 547-7677.