



CBHA Certification Training Program 2012

***Note: Full Student Membership with the Canadian Barefoot Horse Association is required before any training can be completed. All registered students will receive a schedule of course dates. Students must pass a written test for Steps 1 through 6.**

Educational Material Fee is \$55 per level which includes course binder material. Cadavers are offered at market price.

Step 1 – Orientation – Cost \$350 – LENGTH OF EACH TRAINING STEP IS 1 FULL DAY

- Program Overview & Requirements
- Basics of equine digestive system, diet and lifestyle and its effects on the domestic horse
- Scientific Research on domestic & wild horses as the basis of the CBHA recommended trim guidelines
- Ending with Live Demo Trim on 1 Horse or video presentation of 1 Cadaver maintenance trim to correct model

Step 2 – Overview: Nutrition & Lifestyle Management – Cost \$350

Lecture on proper nutrition

- Presentation on Paddock Paradise
- Lecture on correlation between nutrition & lifestyle management and overall horse & hoof health (metabolic syndrome, Insulin Resistance, Cushing's Disease, EPSM, Ulcers)
- Recommended CBHA feeding guidelines
- Basic measurement of toe angles and lengths, collateral groove depth
- Hands on trimming cadavers

Step 3 – Tools of the Trade – Cost - \$350

- Basic Business Setup
- Tool & Equipment Selection, handling, care and sharpening
- Shoe Removal, tools and techniques
- Boots and Pad use, which products, how and when to apply, basic hoof casting
- Thrush and WLD treatments, abscesses and other minor lameness issues
- Student Cadaver Trimming and Dissection – Groups of Max. 4 students to ensure full one-on-one attention.

Step 4 – Overview: Hoof & Horse Anatomy, Bio-Mechanics and Locomotion – Cost \$350

- Lectures on hoof and horse anatomy
- Lectures on Mechanism and Locomotion
- Reviewing CBHA Guidelines
- Live trim or video of trim on live or cadaver hoof with caudal heel pain, following the CBHA trim guidelines
- Hands on cadaver trimming



Step 5 – Advanced Cadaver Trimming Workshop – Cost \$400 – Max. 4 Students per instructor
***This price includes the cost of 4 cadaver hooves, additional hooves available at market price**

- Basic hoof mapping technique to find correct heel/toe length
- Reading radiographs for trimming purposes on various pathology
- Trimming to achieve proper hoof mechanism when faced with various pathologies
 - Contraction, Navicular, Laminitis/Founder, Club Foot, Hoof Capsule Distortion

Step 6 – Horse Handling/Horse Assessment, Live Trimming– Cost \$400 – Max. 2 Students

- Safe Horse Handling Skills for Trimming Purposes
- Assessing Horse for Lameness Issues (Grading lameness)
- Full Horse Assessment, based on conformation and other bodily issues to devise treatment plan
- Saddle fitting, locomotion and dental
- Basic Maintenance Trimming Techniques on Live Horses (on a Field Instructor's property or other single chosen location – no rushing around on the road)

Mentorship Strings – Advanced Clinics

Students required to train with a minimum of 3 different instructors to allow for a more diversified learning experience for the hands on modules. Following each mentorship the student will be formally assessed on their skills and knowledge, which will be recorded in their file.

A research paper is required following completion of the 3 mentorships.

If deemed appropriate, the Board may recommend the student to take additional mentorship sessions in order to advance to the next level.

Upon successful completion of the mentorship phase, students will be granted the designation of Student Practitioner and will be placed on the CBHA's trimmer locator page.

Step 7, 8, 9 – Mentorship Modules – Maintenance Trimming on the Road – Cost - \$400 each module.

- Trimming Live Horses on the road, so student can get a feel for the fast-paced environment
- Learn proper "business tactics" with clients, how to set up a program for the transition or recovery of their horses with trim and diet/lifestyle recommendations
- Full Paper to be submitted upon completion in order to carry on to next module

Step 10 – Case Studies – Cost \$100 (For Processing of Case Files)

- Document the trimming of a minimum of 5 horses with photos and background of each horse. The student is to choose which hoof on each horse and stick to documenting that particular hoof. It must be clearly stated from the beginning which hoof will be documented in each case
- Photos submitted from each trim documented must be of a minimum of three shots, (frontal, side view and sole view).
- A letter of recommendation from 3 clients whose horses were trimmed in the documented cases will also be included with this submission to last for 3 trim cycles



Step 11 – Final Evaluation and Exam – Cost - \$500

A minimum of 2 Field Instructors will be evaluating skill levels

- Complete live horse assessment and trimming
- Trimming pathological cadaver hooves
- Complete theoretical exam

Completed exams and instructors' recommendations are to be reviewed by the Board prior to certification being granted.

Continual learning will be provided at periodic trim workshops in various locations where attendance will be mandatory to retain status as a Certified Practitioner. The Certified Practitioner must also remain up to date on their annual dues to retain their CP status.