



Higher National Unit specification

General information for centres

Unit title: Equine Studies: Riding Techniques over Fences

Unit code: DP3C 35

Unit purpose: This Unit is designed to enable candidates to develop their knowledge and skills in riding techniques over fences. The Unit assesses the candidate on the planning, implementing and evaluating of a programme for a selected horse. Candidates will require to reach an agreed level of competence in riding and assessing horses and will require to demonstrate that they can maintain their current level of training over course of show jumps up to 1m and courses of cross country fences up to 90cm

On completion of the Unit the candidate should be able to:

- 1 Assess and report on the current level of training of a variety of horses over fences.
- 2 Ride a variety of horses over fences to maintain their current level of training.
- 3 Implement a training programme from the ground using poles and fences.

Credit points and level: 2 HN credits at SCQF level 8: (16 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8*)

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

Recommended prior knowledge and skills:

Core Skills: There are opportunities to develop the Core Skill of *Problem Solving* at SCQF level 6 in this Unit, although there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

Context for delivery: If this Unit is delivered as part of a Group Award, it is recommended that it should be taught and assessed within the subject area of the Group Award to which it contributes.

This Unit is part of the Optional section of the HND in Equine Studies. It is a free-standing Unit and can be delivered for the purposes of continuing professional development. It will enable candidates to ride and assess horses over courses of show jumps up to 1m and courses of cross country fences up to 90cm. Candidates will develop knowledge and understanding of a variety of techniques used in the training and assessing of horses over fences. Candidates will be able to implement relevant methods to maintain/ improve selected horses technique over fences.

Assessment: This Unit is assessed two instruments of assessments. The assessment for Outcome 1 and 2 is a combined practical assessment. Outcome 3 is assessed by a project which would include a written report.

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The sections of the Unit stating the Outcomes, Knowledge and/or Skills, and Evidence Requirements are mandatory.

Where evidence for Outcomes is assessed on a sample basis, the whole of the content listed in the Knowledge and/or Skills section must be taught and available for assessment. Candidates should not know in advance the items on which they will be assessed and different items should be sampled on each assessment occasion.

Outcome 1

Assess and report on the current level of training of a variety of horses over fences

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Assessment of the current level of training including conformation, age and soundness
- ◆ Techniques to assess horses over fences
- ◆ Effective riding of horses to assess potential, suitability and current level of training

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ assess two selected horses' level of training over fences over a given a period of time
- ◆ provide feedback on assessment of the selected horses covering conformation, age and soundness, current level of training and their future potential over fences

Assessment Guidelines

Outcomes 1 and 2 are assessed using a combined practical assignment to provide the Evidence Requirements. Candidates should be given a practical exercise and oral questions that ensure all the points in the Evidence Requirements are covered.

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Outcome 2

Ride a variety of horses over fences to maintain their current level of training

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Riding a variety of horses on the flat
- ◆ Maintaining current level of training
- ◆ Developing the quality of work within the horse's repertoire

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ demonstrate ridden/ground techniques on selected horses to maintain their current level of training
- ◆ describe the value of schoolwork in overall development of the horse

Assessment Guidelines

Outcome 1 and 2 are assessed using a combined practical assignment.

Candidates should be given a practical exercise and oral questions that ensure all the points in the Evidence Requirements are covered.

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Outcome 3

Implement a training programme from the ground using poles and fences

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Assessing a selected horse
- ◆ Planning a training programmes for horses using ridden and ground techniques
- ◆ Implementing training programmes over a specified period
- ◆ Using ground techniques including lunging, long reining or loose schooling or jumping
- ◆ Using appropriate tack for both ridden and ground training
- ◆ Applying necessary modifications to the programme
- ◆ Preparing a written report to for all stages of the programme and evaluate the success of the programme

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ develop a training plan to maintain and improve a selected horse over fences using ridden and ground techniques
- ◆ implement the training plan over a given period.
- ◆ carry out any modifications to the plan during implementation.
- ◆ evaluate the success of the programme.

Assessment Guidelines

This Outcome is assessed by a project which should include a written report on the implementation and evaluation of the training programme. The practical element is carried out over a given period and a practical checklist could be used to monitor progress.

Administrative Information

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Higher National Unit specification: support notes

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This part of the Unit specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 80 hours.

Guidance on the content and context for this Unit

Outcome 1

This Outcome provides the candidate with the knowledge and skills required to assess and report on the current level of training of a variety of horses over fences.

Outcome 2

This Outcome provides the candidate with the knowledge and skills to ride a variety of horses over fences to maintain their current level of training. Cross country fences should be up to 90cm and show jumps up to 1m.

Outcome 3

This Outcome provides the candidate with the knowledge and skills required to implement a training programme from the ground using poles and fences. Candidates are not required to ride the horse for this Outcome.

Guidance on the delivery and assessment of this Unit

Outcome 1

Candidates should be made aware of the techniques used to assess horses over fences and the assessment of the level of training should cover conformation, age and soundness. The candidate should develop the skills to be able to effectively ride horses in order to assess their suitability and current level of training and their future potential over fences.

Outcome 2

In this Outcome candidates are not expected to improve on the horse's level of training but only to maintain the existing level. Techniques to maintain the level of training would include both ground and ridden techniques. Candidates should be made aware of the importance of schoolwork to the overall development of the horse.

Outcome 3

In this Outcome the candidate will be required to develop and implement a training plan for a selected horse. Examples of ground techniques would include lunging, long reining, loose schooling and jumping. Candidates should be able to modify the training programme as required to ensure it is suitable for the selected horse.

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Candidates will be required to evaluate the success of the training programme and present this information in the form of a report.

Opportunities for developing Core Skills

There are opportunities to develop the Core Skill of *Problem Solving* at SCQF level 6 in this Unit, although there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

Open learning

For information on normal open learning arrangements, please refer to the SQA guide *Assessment and Quality Assurance of Open and Distance Learning* (SQA, 2000).

Candidates with disabilities and/or additional support needs

The additional support needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments, or considering alternative Outcomes for Units. Further advice can be found in the SQA document *Guidance on Assessment Arrangements for Candidates with Disabilities and/or Additional Support Needs* (www.sqa.org.uk).

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