Course Information

RGR20108 Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand)

About this course
The Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand) builds on the skills developed in the Certificate I in Racing and further develops an understanding and knowledge of the prime function of care for the animals and to meet their individual needs of feeding, grooming, exercising, transporting and racing; as well as keeping the environment safe, clean and hygienic.

This course is nationally accredited within the Australian Qualifications Framework and outlined within the Racing Training Package (RGR08). Further details on this Training Package are available from the Australian Government's training information website:


Study and career pathways
On completion of this qualification, students may continue their studies within the Racing Industry, seek an Australian Apprenticeship or apply for work as an entry level employee within the Racing Industry.

Length of course
This qualification runs over a twelve month period with an expected completion time of two (2) semesters, however, this time frame can be extended based on individual student needs.

Eligibility/entry requirements
To gain entry into this qualification, students must be enrolled in a senior secondary government or registered non-government school at year 10 level or above. Students should also be in the process of completing or have completed the Certificate I in Racing (Stablehand).

Support services
Students with special needs, including students with a disability, need to be supported appropriately. Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate their special needs. Support for students requiring language, literacy and numeracy skills will be provided by dedicated school staff such as Special Education Support Assistant.

Fees
The fee of $150.00 charged to complete the Certificate I in Racing covers all costs associated with this qualification.

This course is funded by the Northern Territory Government under the VET in Schools funding arrangements through the Industry, Engagement and Employment Pathways (IEEP) unit.
How will you learn?
Training and assessment takes place at the following facilities:

- Taminmin College Farm
- Darwin Turf Club stables and racing facilities.
- Wongabilla Equestrian Centre
- Work placement within the industry
- Various equine competitions such as Fred’s Pass Show

The course is delivered one day a week on Thursday during normal school hours. All learning resources are supplied free of charge however students will need to supply the following:

- Pen/pencil for taking notes
- Notebook/jotter

Structured Work Placement (SWP)
An important component of VET in Schools training is the Structured Work Placement. SWP is organised by Industry Engagement Officers (IEOs) who are the link between the school, host workplace and the Registered Training Organisation (RTO). SWP involves spending two work weeks with a host employer gaining an insight to the requirements and expectations of a worker within this industry. Students do not receive payment for this experience.

Participation in SWP contributes to achieving competency in the compulsory units RGRPSh208A Attend horses at trackwork and RGRPSh209A Attend horses at race meetings and trials. These units require students to attend to horses at race meetings and trackwork over a period of two weeks.

Trackwork involves early morning starts at 5:00am and requires working split shifts until 5:00 pm. Students usually have a break between shifts during the middle of the day. The actual times are variable based on the host employer requirements.

Race meetings are held on weekends requiring student attendance outside of normal hours.

Students who do not complete SWP may not be able to demonstrate achievement in these units and therefore may not be able to receive the full qualification.

How will you be assessed?
Assessment methods include questions to assess the knowledge requirements for each unit of competency and observation of application of practical skills. These assessments will also be used to determine work readiness and the ability to follow workplace instructions and procedures.
Previous Studies and Skills Recognition
Taminmin College recognises qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other Registered Training Organisations (RTO). If you have completed training with another RTO, please talk to your trainer about receiving credit or recognition of prior learning for this course. Further information on this process is available in the VET student Information Handbook.

Credit transfers will be automatic where previous studies have been completed at Taminmin College and the units of competency apply to this qualification.

Exit points
You may withdraw from this qualification at any time by completing a Withdrawal form and receive a Statement of Attainment for any units of competency successfully completed.

Dress Requirements
Students are required to dress ready for work for all classes. The dress requirements for racing are:

- Sturdy covered work shoes/boots (student to supply)
- Collared shirt (supplied)
- Work shorts/pants (student to supply)
- Race days require clothing appropriate to Stablehand (must be a collared shirt)
- Riding boots (student to supply)

Stablehand/Strappers Card
The racing industry requires all personnel to obtain a Stablehand/Strappers Card prior to working in the industry. As part of the induction to the industry students will complete and submit their application form to Thoroughbred Racing NT (TRNT). TRNT does not require students of Taminmin College to pay the fee while under supervision and instruction.
Program content
The Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand) consists of thirteen (13) units of competency from the Racing Training Package.

- HLTA301B Apply first aid
- PUACOM001C Communicate in the workplace
- RGRCMN001A Comply with the rules of racing and related protocols
- RGRCMN002A Investigate job opportunities in racing and related industries
- RGRCMN201A Follow OHS procedures and observe environmental work practices
- RGRCMN202A Achieve requirements for industry induction
- RGRPSH201A Handle horses
- RGRPSH202A Assist with transportation of horses
- RGRPSH207A Perform stable duties
- RGRPSH208A Attend horses at trackwork
- RGRPSH209A Attend horses at race meetings and trials
- RGRCMN003A Manage personal health and fitness
- RGRPSH205A Perform basic riding tasks

Student rights and responsibilities
Students have the right to learn and be treated with respect and dignity. Equally they have a responsibility to demonstrate respect for themselves, others and the training environment.

Student responsibilities include:

- Commit to and complete the VET program
- Comply with rules and expectations as detailed in the VET Student Information Handbook
- Comply with structured work placement requirements
- Comply with workplace health and safety (WHS) requirements
- Attend VET classes on time, dressed appropriately and ready to learn

Further information can be found in the VET Student Information Handbook

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