If horses set your heart racing, saddle up for an exciting opportunity to learn about their behaviour, care, nutrition and biology. Gain an entry level qualification to work in an industry that includes sport, recreation and primary production.

**COURSE AIMS**

This program provides students with the knowledge and skills to enter the equine industry.

**CONTRIBUTION TO VCAL/VCE**

**VCAL:** One credit towards a VCAL learning program is awarded on successful completion of 90 nominal hours of accredited VET curriculum.

**VCE:** Students who complete this program may be eligible for recognition of two or more units at units 1 & 2 level and a units 3 & 4 sequence. Students may not be recognised for all eligible credit until the completion of the second year.

**ATAR:** Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution for the Units 3 and 4 sequence must undertake scored assessment for the purposes of gaining a study score. This study score can contribute directly to the primary four or as a fifth or sixth study.

Where a student elects not to receive a study score for VCE VET Equine, no contribution to the ATAR will be available.

Please note: The student must already have English and three other fully scored VCE/VET subjects to create the primary four.

**POTENTIAL PATHWAYS**

- Certificate III in Racing - various streams
- Certificate IV in Work Practices for Equine Dental Technicians
- Certificate IV in Racing - various streams
- Diploma of Racing - various streams
- Diploma of Equine Performance Management

**POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS**

- Animal attendant
- Veterinarian
- Track rider
- Stable hand
- Farrier
- Horse breeder, trainer or manager

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION**

Students will be required to complete 5 days of work placement during Semester 2.

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY**

Students are required to wear protective footwear and other protective items as required under OH&S legislation. More information will be provided at commencement of the program.

**1ST YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

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<td>Apply knowledge of horse behaviour</td>
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<td>VU22681</td>
<td>Work effectively in an equine organisation</td>
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<td>Identify equine anatomy</td>
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<td>BSBWHS5201</td>
<td>Contribute to health and safety of self and others</td>
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<td>HLTAID003</td>
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Either:

- VU22687 Demonstrate basic horse riding or driving skills (for students who have a suitable horse they can bring to prac days to ride only)

Or

- VU22689 Assist in the preparation of a horse for an event

**2ND YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

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**NATIONAL OR STATE ACCREDITATION**

- State

**CLUSTER PROVIDER**

Skillinvest

Classes delivered in Ballarat

**REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION**

Skillinvest

**RTO CODE**

4192

**PROGRAM LENGTH**

2 years

**DAY AND TIME**

1st year – Thursday 1.45pm to 5.00pm
2nd year – Tuesday 1.45pm to 5.00pm
Practical days 9am – 3pm

**PROGRAM MATERIAL COSTS**

- 1st year – $200
- 2nd year – $200

**STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING**

Mandatory – 40 hrs / 1 week minimum over total program

**OUTCOMES**

Satisfactory completion of this two year program entitles the student to a 22513VIC Certificate III in Equine Studies.

**ENROLMENT TYPE**

VE1

Commencement of program will be dependent on adequate student numbers for enrolment and funding. Programs and units of competency are subject to change prior to commencement. This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding to eligible individuals.