

National Progression Award (NPA) Equine Studies

SRUC would like to introduce an exciting new Equine Studies course available to senior phase pupils in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

This is a brand new course offering students in S4, S5 and S6 the opportunity to complete a vocational course in equine studies through blended learning, ensuring the qualification can be studied alongside other courses already set within the school timetable.

We are now accepting applications for a pilot group starting the week of the 4th September 2023. Students can apply using the following link: [Schools NPA Courses](#)

The course is delivered predominantly online with the addition of 4 compulsory practical days held at our Craibstone Campus on the edge of Bucksburn, where students will get hands on with practical activities at our purpose built equine facility.

The online element can be accessed at any time allowing the school and the pupil the flexibility to fit their studies around existing courses.

The course is also run by a dedicated tutor who will be available to support you with the course.

The course comprises of three units:

- Rural Business Investigation
- Equine Housing and Handling
- Feeding Horses and Ponies

This is an introductory course and is suitable for those working or expected to be working at SCQF Level 5 with an interest in equine studies, working with animals or those with a keen interest in horses. The course will run from 4th September – 28th March.

This qualification can lead on to further study as part of an apprenticeship programme or further and higher education qualifications in areas such as equine studies, animal care, vet nursing or even an additional qualification to include on an application to veterinary medicine (subject to meeting any other course specific entry requirements).

What will you study:

Rural Business Investigation

An opportunity for candidates to focus on a specific enterprise of a local land-based business as well as giving consideration to the sustainability of the business and alternative enterprises available to it.

Equine Housing and Handling

Students will develop some of the basic knowledge and skills in relation to handling and housing equine animals through undertaking stable routines and carrying out handling of horses and/or ponies in a realistic work setting environment.

Feeding Horses and Ponies

How to feed horses and/or ponies in a realistic work setting and gain an understanding of their dietary requirements.

