

RACE & CARE EQUINE INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES 2019					
Programme	Duration	Dates	Places per course	Course information	Target Audience
Industry induction programme	4 Days	19/2/19 -22/2/19; 7/5/19 - 10/5/19; 17/09/19 - 20/09/19; 5/11/19 - 8/11/19	8	A basic 'safe practices induction' to the industry to ensure competence to work safely around racehorses/ thoroughbreds. Participants will be assessed and feedback will be provided to employers on areas of competence or weakness	Entry level programme
Industry upskilling programme	2 Days	27/3/19 - 28/3/19; 16/10/19 - 17/10/19	8	Learn to apply safe systems of work and best practice to the requirements of working in a racing yard. The course aims to raise standards and ensure better management of the health and safety aspects of working in a yard.	Currently in the industry but perhaps lacking skills/experience
Schooling preparation	1 Day	21/02/2019; 21/03/2019; 30/05/2019; Sept 2019 (date TBC); 24/10/19; 28/11/19;	4 - 6	Aimed at those planning to take out an A3 license. Candidates will have solid racehorse riding skills but require additional help with their skills over hurdles and fences. Training will include coaching over hurdles and fences with video review and simulator work for fitness, hand and whip skills	Qualified riders
Schooling progression	1 Day	07/03/19; 11/04/19; 16/05/19; October (date TBC); November (date TBC); December (date TBC)	4 - 6	Delivered by leading amateur rider Derek O'Connor, this programme is aimed at those who hold an A3 license and would like to improve their race riding skills. Training includes schooling over fences in RACE and on Curragh Training Grounds, with video review and simulator coaching.	Qualified riders
Riding Skills Improvement	6 days (flexible delivery)	Throughout 2019	4 - 6	This course will focus on improving the riding skills of participants to include all riding tasks required of exercise riders in a yard, participants will be assessed in an arena, enclosed gallops, open plains, and open gallops. Participants will also be assessed on a variety of horse types.	Current work/exercise riders
Exercise Rider Training Programme	6 weeks	15/07/19 - 23/08/2019	12	A conversion course for those with horse experience, but limited racehorse experience. Preparation of participants to start work in racing yards as exercise riders capable of riding quiet horses under supervision and carry out all practical tasks required of role. Basic induction to the racing industry will also form part of the course.	Entry level programme
Junior Academy	1 Day	23 & 30/03/2019; 06, 13, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26/04/2019; 11 & 18/05/2019; 08/06/2019;	10 per day, 13 days in total	The Junior Academy is open to all young riders aged 10 - 16 and is designed to accommodate everyone from non-riding beginners up to more experienced pony club and pony race riders. Riders are grouped by their age and experience so that all groups are of a similar level of ability. Starting with non-riding introduction levels, participants can progress through 5 levels of training. More advanced levels include practical training on race-riding position, skills, and tactics. Students are introduced to the concept of the Jockey Pathway and enjoy sessions with some of the pathway providers including Dr Ciara Losty on the introduction to Sports Psychology, Dietitian Gillian O'Loughlin on healthy eating and fun fitness with Strength & Conditioning Coach, Wayne Middleton.	Young people aged between 10 and 16 who have a passion for horses
Junior Academy Invitational Summer Camp	5 Days	08/07/2019 - 12/07/2019	6	Participants from the Junior Academy training days who demonstrate an aptitude and a passion for working with horses will be invited to a 5 day summer camp in July	Young people aged between 10 and 16 who demonstrate a passion for horses
Horsemanship full award	Part-time over two years	Feb - June / Sep - December	20 places (4 remaining)	A QQI Major Award at Level 5 to allow learning for those working fulltime in the industry gain a qualification or continue their education.	With Horsemanship Level 4 or equivalent education level
Horse Breeding L5	14 weeks	Feb - June	20 places (11 remaining)	To facilitate learners improve knowledge, skills and competence in the principles of horse breeding and the care of breeding stock	Open to all, subject to minimum academic capacity

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Communications L5	14 weeks	Sep - Dec	TBC	To facilitate learners to communicate verbally and non-verbally in standard everyday tasks and in work-related tasks, operating independently while under general direction.	Open to all, subject to minimum academic capacity
Equine Nutrition L5	14 weeks	Sep - Dec	TBC	To facilitate learners to understand in depth the equine digestive system, the composition of food and equine nutrition.	Open to all, subject to minimum academic capacity
Racehorse Care and Exercise L5	28 weeks	Sep - Dec 2019 & Feb June 2020	TBC subject to minimum numbers	To facilitate learners to improve their knowledge, skills and competence to work in the thoroughbred racing industry, caring for racehorses before, during and after a race meeting and exercise racehorses.	Subject to riding competence assessment

All programmes are free of charge to access but you must register in advance, for details on how to register call Sandra Hughes on 087 3781739, Patrick Ryan on 045 455488, or RACE, Kildare Town on 045 522468. Enquiries can also be emailed to enquiries@racingacademy.ie