

Therapeutic Riding Instructor

Location: Victoria, BC – 6917 Veyaness Rd Saanichton BC Hours: 15-30 hours/week, Compensation: \$25 per hour

Join Our Team as an Instructor in a Thriving Therapeutic Riding Program.

Do you have a passion for horses and a heart for making a difference in the lives of individuals with diverse abilities? Look no further! We are seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to join our team as a Therapeutic Riding Instructor at The Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association (VTRA).

About Us: VTRA is a leading therapeutic riding program dedicated to empowering individuals through the transformative power of horse riding and equine interaction. Our inclusive and supportive environment fosters personal growth and creates lasting connections within our community.

What We're Looking For: While prior experience in therapeutic riding is preferred, we are open to candidates with a strong background in horses and who have experience teaching riding lessons. Ideal candidates will possess a compassionate and empathetic nature and are eager to learn and grow within our program. Experience or interest in working with people with disabilities is an asset.

What You'll Do: As an instructor, you will work closely with our dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and horses. Utilize your expertise in horsemanship and people-centered care to ensure the highest standards of therapeutic riding instruction. Your role will involve developing and teaching engaging lesson plans, facilitating a variety of Equine Assisted Services, training and leading program volunteers, taking an active role in horse training and care, goal setting for participants, and fostering a safe and inclusive environment for everyone at VTRA.

What We Offer: Joining our team means being part of a supportive and passionate community committed to making a positive impact. You will have the opportunity to receive comprehensive training and professional development in therapeutic riding techniques, equine care, and more.



Required Qualifications:

- Minimum 10 years of experience in horse riding or equine care.
- Minimum 3 years of experience teaching horseback riding lessons.
- A genuine passion for making a difference and fostering an inclusive environment.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Professional certification through CanTRA, CHA, or PATH International.
- Experience engaging with people who live with diverse abilities.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and excellent interpersonal and leadership skills.

Additional information:

- Additional renumeration will be considered for candidates who are currently certified as a riding instructor/coach, through a national certification body, and/or who have more than 3 years of experience teaching riding and horsemanship.
- Hours of employment can be negotiable for the successful candidate.
- The successful candidate will be required to obtain Standard First Aid.
- The successful candidate will be expected to acquire certification through CanTRA, PATH Int., or CHA IRD within the first year of employment at VTRA.

Join Us in Making a Meaningful Impact! If you're ready to embark on a rewarding journey with us, where you can utilize your skills to empower individuals and contribute to a thriving community, we encourage you to apply now!

Application process:

Interested individuals are asked to submit a resume to <u>Alicia.Meconi@VTRA.ca</u> on or before February 28th, 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.