Therapeutic Horsemanship

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The Therapeutic Horsemanship minor offers students from any major who possess basic horseback riding skills an opportunity to pursue their Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International instructor certification. This 16-credit experiential learning program focuses on concepts of equine assisted activities and therapies, horse management, knowledge of disabilities, and the application of skills needed to become a Therapeutic Horsemanship Instructor.

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Required Credits: 17

Required Courses

NDSU Courses:
- ANSC 210 Introduction to Therapeutic Horsemanship 3
- ANSC 260L Equine Care and Management Practicum 1
- ANSC 261 Basic Equitation & Horsemanship 1
- ANSC 310 Principles of Therapeutic Horsemanship Instruction 3
- ANSC 361 Intermediate Horsemanship 1
- ANSC 410 Therapeutic Horsemanship Teaching Practicum 1

MSUM Courses:
- PE 320 Anatomical Kinesiology 3

Choose one of the following courses from MSUM:
- SPED 419 Biomedical Aspects of Physical/Health Disabilities 3
- SPED 417 Educating Students with Severe Disabilities

First Aid & CPR Certification

HNES 210 Professional Rescuer CPR/AED and First Aid 1

American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification at a Local Chapter.

American Heart Association First Aid and CPR Certification at a Local Chapter.

Total Credits 17

* Students completing First Aid and CPR through Local Chapters must present their certification to the department of Animal Science for verification of this certification. The department, along with the student, will complete a waiver form to submit to the Office of Registration and Records as record of the completion of these requirements for the minor.

Minor Requirements and Notes:

• A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
• Students must earn a 2.50 minimum GPA for the minor requirements.
• ANSC 210 Introduction to Therapeutic Horsemanship may be substituted for SPED 320 Educational Services for Children with Exceptionalities (MSUM) as a prerequisite for SPED 419