



PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning (ESMHL) Workshop and Practical Horsemanship Skills Test



April 11th – 14th, 2019

A PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning (ESMHL) ensures the safety and well-being of the equine participating in equine-facilitated mental health and education sessions. She/he serves as the equine expert during equine/human interactions. The ESMHL works with mental health or education providers delivering services, incorporating equines in their practice, within the scope of their profession. An ESMHL must be knowledgeable in horsemanship and understand how to work with a mental health therapist and/or educator to best meet the client's needs and keep the lesson safe. ESMHLs also have a general knowledge of mental health and education processes.

ESMHL Workshop: This three-day workshop provides specialized training for equestrians who are interested in equine facilitated mental health and education programs. This workshop will be taught by some of the most experienced people in the field of equine facilitated mental health and learning and will give the participants a chance to see what is current in the field. Each course will be team taught by an Equine Specialist/PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor in collaboration with a mental health professional working with several equines.

Focus of Training:

- The specific role of the Equine Specialist when assisting or collaborating with human service providers.
- Designing safe, mutually beneficial and effective activities to enhance participant outcomes.
- Determining specific horse handling methods.
- Understanding students with mental health and/or learning issues.
- Assessing the horse's response to student behaviors and needs.

Training is designed for:

- Equine Professionals
- Therapeutic Riding Instructors
- Those who wish to enhance their ability to work with mental health and education professionals and their clients.

Practical Horsemanship Skills Test: Testing is one day and is a part of the application phase of achieving PATH Int'l Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning status. The information below provides a roadmap of the process.

STEPS TO CERTIFICATION:

Step 1: Application Phase: Complete an on-site Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Workshop and Horsemanship Skills Test at a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center. The criteria to register for an on-site Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Workshop and Horsemanship Skills Test are: 1) 21 years of age or older 2) Current PATH Intl. member 3) Current Adult & Child CPR and First Aid certifications (100% online CPR and First Aid courses will not be accepted. Blended courses are acceptable.)

Step 2: Portfolio Submission: Following completion of an on-site Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Workshop and the Horsemanship Skills Test, candidates may submit their certification application and portfolio to the PATH Intl. office. (See PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Certification Booklet for more details.)

Step 3: Online Exams: Complete online Standards Course and Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning exams. Exam enrollment occurs after receipt of complete portfolio by PATH Intl.

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Registration Form

ESMHL Workshop: April 11th–13th, 2019 Practical Horsemanship Skills Test: April 14th, 2019
Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center – Redmond, WA

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____ Center Affiliation (if applicable): _____

PATH Membership #: _____ Date Complete Phase I: _____

Please register me for the following:

___ 3 day ESMHL Workshop ONLY (\$400, April 11th–13th)

___ 3 day ESMHL Workshop ONLY for Little Bit Volunteers (\$350, April 11th–13th)

___ 4 day ESMHL Workshop & Practical Horsemanship Skills Test (\$500, April 11th –14th)

___ 4 day ESMHL Workshop & Practical Horsemanship Skills Test for Little Bit Volunteers (\$425, April 11th –14th)

___ 1 day Practical Horsemanship Skills Test ONLY (\$150, April 14th)

Check Enclosed: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code : _____ (3 digit number)

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Dietary needs (please mark all that apply): ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Gluten Free ☐ other: _____

*** REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 8st, 2019**

Cancellation policy: A full refund, minus a \$50 administrative fee, will be given up to 15 days prior to the workshop/certification only if we are able to fill the vacancy with another participant from the waitlist. No refunds will be given after the 15 days prior to the workshop if vacancy is not filled. If participation does not meet Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center's expectations and requirements for revenue by March 1st, the event will be canceled and participants will be refunded any fees previously paid. No other reimbursement will be issued.

Mail your registration materials and fees to:

Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center
Attn: Jessica McKenzie

18675 NE 106th
Redmond, WA 98052

Fax: 425-883-1818 Phone: 425-882-1554 Email: jmckenzie@littlebit.org

Directions and Lodging

ADDRESS: Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center
18675 NE 106th Street
Redmond, WA 98052

DIRECTIONS:

From Sea-Tac Airport:

Take I-405 North for about 14 miles to exit 14 which is WA 520 East. 520 will end and turn into Avondale Rd. Follow Avondale for about 1.5 miles. Turn right onto NE 106th Street. This street is not easy to see so look for Little Bit signage. Follow NE 106th Street over the bridge. The Little Bit gate is the first large gate on the right.

From Bellevue:

Take 405 north to 520 east, then follow Seattle directions.

From Kirkland:

Head East on NE 85th Street, which turns into Redmond Way. Follow Redmond Way to 520 east, then follow Seattle directions.

LODGING:

Redmond Inn
17601 Redmond Way
Redmond, WA 98052
5.8 miles, avg. \$105 per night
425-883-4900

Best Western Kirkland Inn
12223 NE 116th St
Kirkland, WA 98034
6.4 miles, avg. \$81 per night
425-882-2300

Motel 6
12010 120th Pl NE
Kirkland, WA 98034
6.3 miles, avg. \$51 per night
425-821-5618