

## **CTRH Instructor Training Program**

Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship offers the CTRH Instructor in Training Program to a very limited number of candidates whom we believe meet all the requirements necessary for conducting safe, effective lessons the opportunity to shadow one of our NARHA Certified Instructors. The end result of this experience is to prepare candidates for the final step necessary in order for them to take the NARHA Registered Instructor Certification exam.

The following are prerequisites for being considered as an Instructor in Training at CTRH.

- Must have completed NARHA's Phase 1 Process for Registered Instructors ([www.narha.org](http://www.narha.org)) prior to entering CTRH's Instructor in Training Program.
- Must furnish a copy (dated within the past 6 months) of the NARHA Instructor in Training Status Letter as proof of completion of NARHA's Phase 1 Process for Registered Instructors.
- Must furnish references and copies of current CPR and First Aid cards.
- Must demonstrate solid understanding of stable management and horse knowledge, as demonstrated by catching, leading, grooming, and tacking one of CTRH's horses.
- Must be able to ride a variety of horses at the walk, trot, and canter, as demonstrated during a mounted evaluation conducted at CTRH. You must also demonstrate a basic understanding of trotting diagonals and canter leads, as evidenced by being able to execute the NARHA Registered Level Instructor Riding test.
- Must have volunteered for at least 25 hours in classes at CTRH.
- Must have proof of previous experience working with people with disabilities; and/or working with people in a learning environment; and/or teaching able-bodied riding; and/or experience volunteering at CTRH.
- Instructor in Training must commit to a minimum of two sessions.

If CTRH does accept you as an Instructor in Training, you will also be required to:

- Attend a CTRH Volunteer Training and complete the volunteer application and signed confidentiality form.
- Complete a form stating that you understand your responsibilities as an Instructor in Training.

If you are accepted as an Instructor in Training at CTRH, we will offer you the guidance and practical experience you will need to complete your required 25 hours of teaching experience. However, this is no guarantee that you will pass your NARHA Certification teaching exam. The lesson and teaching preparation and safe and effective execution at the exam are up to you.

Also, you must be certain that you are prepared to pass the NARHA Certification riding exam. Our Instructor in Training Program offers only very limited opportunity for feedback on how well prepared you are for the riding exam.