D’AL SCHOOL
of
EQUINE
MASSAGE THERAPY

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What is Equine Massage?

The systematic manipulation of *soft tissue* for therapeutic purposes. Soft tissue includes:

- Muscle
- Tendon
- Ligament
- Veins and Arteries
- Connective Tissue
- Nervous Tissue
Equine Massage Therapists work in conjunction with Veterinarians. The Veterinarian is the primary care giver in the Equine world and only a Veterinarian can make a diagnosis on a horse; however, REMTs assist in Equine assessment and rehabilitation.
Benefits of Equine Massage Therapy

Equine Massage Therapy is a very effective treatment choice that can:

Increase performance
Increase flexibility and range of motion
Minimize injury and help prevent the development of problems
Decrease recovery time from injury
Decrease muscle stiffness
Decrease lactic acid buildup
Decrease stress points and inflammation
Massage for Various Disciplines

The following are some general stress areas for various disciplines:

Hunters / Jumpers – hindquarters, forelimbs, shoulders, chest, back

Dressage – hindquarters, back, shoulders, chest, neck

Harness Racing – croup and loins, chest, neck / poll / jaw
# Course Outline

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Horse Experience

There will be a wide variety of students in the classroom, each with different levels of experiences working with horses.

Students who enter the program with limited horse handling experience are encouraged to volunteer at a facility throughout their course of study.
Practical Application

Practical application on horses begins in February/March at local farms/barns.

Students are required to study Equine Behaviour before beginning to practice massage techniques. This allows a student to safely understand the feedback the horse is relaying to the therapist.
Demonstrations in Theory and Technique
Examples of Head Work
Examples of Neck Work
Examples of Shoulder Work
School Schedule

12 HOUR DAY, 3 DAYS PER WEEK

Flexibility - Students will have a 4 day weekend to study, maintain part-time employment or spend practicing their craft or with family.

Many students commute from home rather than moving to London in order to stay close to their own horses, but DAL is also home to many International students.
School Policies

Examinations – strict 75% grade average

Attendance – mandatory & expected

Appearance - school uniform dress code in effect
Advantages of D’Arcy Lane

Small class sizes mean more one-on-one time with Instructors.

Curriculum provides a balance between theory and hands-on practice.

Schedule means students from outside of London will only be away from home two nights per week.
Advantages of D’Arcy Lane

Financial assistance may be available to those who qualify.

Regulated by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Program has attracted students from the United States, Ireland, Norway, Australia & the Caribbean and beyond…
IFREMT

International Federation of Registered Equine Massage Therapists (IFREMT)

Enforces licensing and self regulation

Protects and serves the Equine industry by ensuring the competency of services provided by…

Registered Equine Massage Therapists

Develops and maintains Standards of Practice
Student Activities

Students have had the opportunity to showcase their talents in the Education Ring at London’s Western Fair & Can Am Equine Expo
Student Activities

Graduation 2010
Student Activities

Alumni Reunion 2010
Student Activities

Casual Day in Support of London Food Bank
(December 2010)
Student Activities

History of many potlucks!
Funding

If you have questions regarding finance, OSAP, Second Careers Training etc., please contact Finance Coordinator Connie Patriquin at finance@darcylane.com or call 519-673-4420 to make an appointment in person.
Thank you for your time!

We would be happy to speak with you about our Equine Massage Therapy program and to answer any of your questions:

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