



# Reining In The Future

It's never too early to start planning for your future. While it takes some students well into their post-high school lives to figure out their top career choice, others are sure of their future plans early on. Whatever the case, it's vital that students do their homework. For those interested in pursuing a career involving horses, the possibilities are vast. Common horse related careers such as farrier, veterinarian, stable manager, trainer, riding instructor, and breeding manger are only the tip of the iceberg.

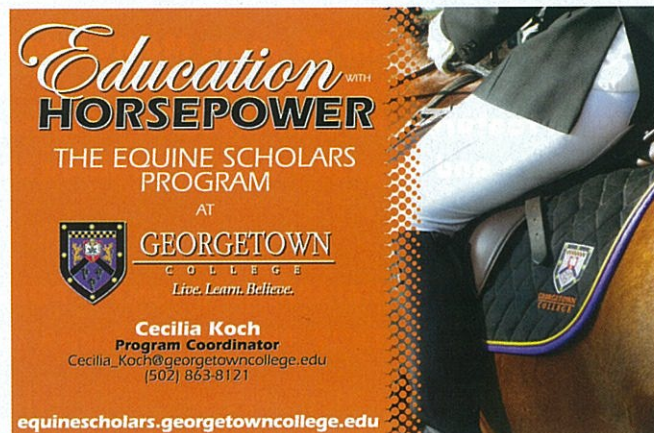
There are numerous educational opportunities available to the student interested in an equine-focused career. For those that know what they want to do at a younger age, there are prep schools that include equestrian programs and/or horse science curriculums as well as many public high schools that have equestrian teams. For post-high school students there are a variety of options from apprenticeships, to technical schools, to colleges and universities.

As with any major life decision, preparedness is key. Students should have a clear goal and a good idea of what they expect to learn, they should also know what teaching

methods they prefer (hands-on versus classroom work). These are just the basics that students can use to map out their initial research of the various programs available. As they move forward in the decision making process, students will need to expand their list of questions and requirements accordingly.

A career in the horse industry can be rewarding, both spiritually and financially. After all, your work should inspire you and what better way to accomplish this than by turning a lifelong passion into a career.

—Sarah Gee



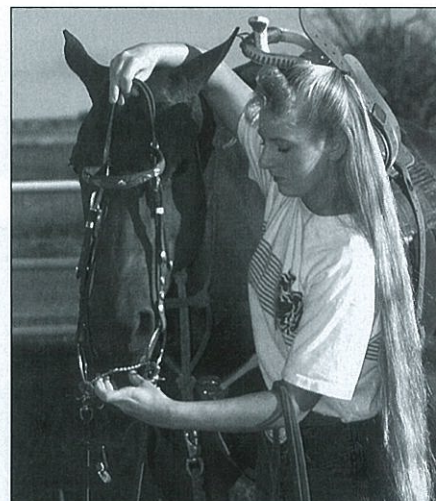
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# Questions To Ask Yourself As You Explore Horse Programs

- Do you want to work in the horse industry, or do you just want to keep horses in your everyday life?
- What do you want to learn? What are your specific goals?
- How much time can you devote to your education?
- Is achieving your career goal dependent on receiving a certain type of degree?
- Do you want or need to be in a certain geographical area?
- Do you prefer a small school or a large school?
- Do you have a specific career in mind? (If you are undecided, a generalized degree, such as Animal Science with an equine concentration, may be best for you.)
- Do you prefer hands-on-experience or more classroom work?
- Do you want to pursue a graduate degree eventually and will that degree be horse-related?
- Do you want experience with many different types of horses?
- Do you want to take your horse to school with you?
- How much can you afford to spend on your education?
- Do you want job placement after graduation?



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- Breeding Manager
- College Instructor
- Editor
- Equestrian Team Coach
- Equine Appraiser
- Equine Artist
- Equine Chiropractor
- Equine Dentist
- Equine Massage Therapist
- Farrier
- Geneticist
- Horse Judge
- Horse Photographer
- Horse Product Sales Representative
- Horse Show Announcer
- Horse Publication Graphic Designer
- Horse Publication Sales Representative
- Lab Technician
- Lobbyist
- Mounted Patrol Officer
- Riding Instructor
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