

## Introduction to Thoroughbred Care and Exercise 2023

### Course Information Sheet

'Introduction to Thoroughbred Care and Exercise' is a six-week course funded by HRI Equip starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 at RACE. The course is designed to prepare participants for a career working in the thoroughbred industry in Ireland.

#### **Who is the course suited to?**

The course is open to anyone over the age of 18 years that is permitted to study and work in Ireland. As the course includes riding, a good level of previous experience and fitness is a requirement however, the course is open to those who have not previously ridden thoroughbred racehorses.

#### **What is involved in the Application Process?**

Apply online through the Google form course link. RACE will assess your suitability and contact you to arrange a Zoom interview if you meet the suitability criteria. If you are successful at the interview, you will be invited to an assessment day to assess your suitability for gaining a place on the course.

#### **Course Cost and what does this include?**

If you receive a place on the course, you will be required to pay a €300 registration fee for the course. The remainder of the course fees are funded by Horseracing Ireland Equip. The costs include all training costs and breakfast/lunch. The course also includes an accredited QQI Level 5 certificate in 'Racehorse Care and Exercise' which participants will work towards during the course. Daily attendance is mandatory during the course and training days will be Monday to Saturday.

#### **What does an Accredited Qualification mean and what is required for this?**

An accredited qualification is a certificate that has been developed to a set of regulated standards, in this case by Qualify and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). To gain this certificate, course participants will need to complete an assignment and practical skills demonstrations during the six-week course.

#### **Is there accommodation available?**

Accommodation options are available Monday-Saturday at a subsidised student rate. The cost is inclusive of meals and laundry. Please speak to RACE if you feel you will need accommodation.

#### **What are my options after the course?**

If participants are deemed suitable, they will work towards a work placement during the course. Career advice will be included during the six weeks and those that are successful in completing the course will be assisted with finding employment in the thoroughbred industry.

**What people last year said about the course....**

*'I would highly recommend this course to anyone looking to upskill their knowledge and riding in the thoroughbred industry. It has helped me to improve my skills and gain employment in the thoroughbred industry.'*

*'By completing this course, I feel more confident in my abilities. Any feedback that I received was really helpful and helped me to believe in myself more.'*

*'It was a great opportunity to come to RACE, make new contacts, gain more experience riding on The Curragh, and improve my fitness.'*

*'Staff are excellent, so warm and approachable – really feel like they want you to achieve. Very encouraging.'*

*'The structured combination of riding, horse care, theory, visits, and fitness sessions provided an ideal framework for progression, both for novice and more experienced riders.'*

**If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

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