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Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Students must meet college readiness benchmarks as identified by the Council on Postsecondary Education or remedy the identified skill deficiencies.

First Semester	Credit Hours	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
EQS 103 Racehorse Care	1				
EQS 104 Racehorse Care Lab	3			Pre or Coreq: EQS 103	
EQS 110 Basic Equine Physiology	3				
EQS 130 Introduction to the Racing Industry	3				
Technical Elective	3				
Total Semester Credit Hours	13				

Second Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
EQS 111 Introduction to Riding Racehorses	1				
EQS 112 Racehorse Riding Skills I	4			Instructor Consent Pre or Coreq: EQS 103 & 104	
EQS 125 Equine Nutrition	3			EQS 110	
EQS 200 Lameness in Racehorses	3			Pre or Coreq: EQS 110	
EQS 240 Equine Legal and Business Principles	3				
Total Semester Credit Hours	14				

Summer Session	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
EQS 113 Racehorse Riding Skills	4			EQS 112 and Consent of Instructor	
Total Session Credit Hours	4				

Third Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
EQS 101 Introduction to the Thoroughbred	3				See note on back.
EQS 212 Racehorse Riding Principles	3			EQS 113 and Consent of Instructor	
EQS 213 Racehorse Riding Techniques	2			EQS 212 and Consent of Instructor	
Technical Elective	3			Pre or Coreq: EQS 123	
Social/Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences, OR Quantitative Reasoning course	3				
Total Semester Credit Hours	14				

Fourth Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
EQS 215 Life Skills for Jockeys	3				See note on back.
EQS 299 Equine Cooperative Education	1				
Written Communication, Oral Communication, OR Heritage/Humanities course	3				
Digital Literacy	0 – 3				
Total Semester Credit Hours	7 – 10				
Total Diploma Credit Hours	52 – 55				

Graduation Requirements: ☐ 25% or more of Total Diploma Credit Hours must be earned at BCTC
☐ Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or higher

Advisor Name _____

Advisor Contact _____

Additional Information

If EQS 101 Introduction to the Thoroughbred is not available, EQS 115 Equine Health and Medications may be substituted with the approval of the Equine Studies Program Coordinator.

If EQS 215 Life Skills for Jockeys is not available, EQS 120 Introduction to Commercial Breeding may be substituted with the approval of the Equine Studies Program Coordinator.

Technical Electives

Course	Cr. Hrs.	Prerequisites
EQM 120 Introduction to Commercial Breeding	3	EQM 100 or Consent of Instructor
EQS 115 Equine Health & Medication	3	EQS 110 or Consent of Instructor
EQS 118 Equine Bloodstock	3	
EQS 121 Introduction to Breaking and Training Racehorses	1	
EQS 122 Yearling Breaking and Management	3	EQS 121
EQS 123 Breaking and Prepping Two-Year Olds	3	EQS 103 and EQS 104
EQS 223 Training Principles & Practices	4	Prereq or Coreq: EQS 123
EQS 225 Life Skills for Horsemen	3	
EQS 299 Equine Cooperative Education	1 – 9	Consent of Instructor
BAS 120 Personal Finance	3	
BAS 160 Introduction to Business	3	
SPA 101 Elementary Spanish I	4	
Any EQM or EQS course from the Horseman Track or other courses approved by the Program Coordinator	1-6	

Embedded Credentials

Credential	Title	Requirements	Total Credit Hours
Certificate	Equine Industry Workforce	EQS 101, EQS 103, EQS 104, EQS 110, EQS 130, EQS 200	16
Certificate	Exercise Rider	EQS 101, EQS 103, EQS 104, EQS 110, EQS 111, EQS 112, EQS 113, EQS 130	22

- Certificate Requirements:**
- ☐ 25% or more of Total Certificate Credit Hours must be earned at BCTC
 - ☐ Grade of C or higher in each course required for certificate