



# Crash Course for a Healthy Course

## Topics

Health Evaluation, Emergency Care, Routine Health Care, Biosecurity, and Record Keeping

## Content Expert

Dr. Judy Marteniuk, DVM will guide you each week through a course unit to answer your questions about managing your horse's health. Through online discussion groups and an interactive video discussion, Dr. Marteniuk will assist you in developing a horse health plan that you can be confident in!

## Format

Self-paced with moderated discussion forums

## Price

\$75.00

## Course Overview

This short course is based on knowledge from equine health and management experts at Michigan State University. A working knowledge of preventative health care as well as diseases and injuries are required when managing horses. Essential horse management skills include identifying early signs of health problems, evaluating a horse's health status on a daily and sometimes hourly basis and responding appropriately to emergency situations as they arise.

## Course Details

Unit 1 Evaluating Horse Health - Recognizing both good and poor health status in a horse is an essential skill for all horse owners. Horses show pain in unique ways based on their age, temperament, and the cause of the pain. After completing this unit, you will be able to:

- Recognize and correctly respond to a sick or injured horse
- Cope with emergency situations until the vet arrives

Unit 2 Routine Health Care - Routine health care is necessary for the health and wellbeing of a horse. A good health program is tailor made to incorporate a variety of circumstances including the horse's age, use, travel and exposure to disease. After completing this unit, you will be able to:

- Recognize potential health risks
- Develop a health plan that best fits your horse's needs

Unit 3 Biosecurity: Biosecurity goes hand in hand with a good preventative health program for a horse farm. There are precautions that you can take to decrease your farm's risk to infectious disease outbreaks. By the end of this unit you will be able to:

- Identify risks of infectious disease exposure on the farm
- Care for a sick horse while limiting exposure to the rest of the farm
- Practice good biosecurity on your horse farm

Unit 4 Record Keeping: Good health records can help you identify health problems quickly and seal the deal during a horse sale. After completing this unit, you will be able to:

- Compare and contrast different types of health records
- Identify health records needed for a variety of horse activities