



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
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This programme is suitable for

veterinary surgeons already in equine practice or who wish to pursue a career in equine sports medicine. The programme will equip vets with the necessary skills to fully investigate and treat poor performance in the equine athlete. Students will explore recent developments on key subjects specific to athletic performance including genetics, exercise physiology, adaptation of the body systems to athletic training, evaluation of poor performance and the treatment of diseases and injuries that impact on athletic performance.

The programme is designed to offer busy vets the opportunity to participate in part-time education and enjoy the benefit of:

- Studying online at a time and place that is flexible
- Joining an online community to exchange knowledge and ideas
- Developing skills and knowledge that enhance the management and treatment of sport horses
- Applying new learning experiences to professional practice.

The programme is offered as an online distance learning experience, therefore applicants will be expected to commit to online learning and attend a prescribed workshop in University College Dublin.

Modules:

- Genetics and exercise physiology
- Adaptation to training
- Pathology and Clinical Pathology of the equine athlete
- Evaluation of Poor Performance
- Elective: Dissertation or Case Reports

Duration:

January 2013 - January 2014

Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to have a degree in veterinary medicine.

Computer and IT Skills Requirements

Applicants will require a computer and Broadband Internet access. To complete the programme applicants must have an intermediate level of IT skills, i.e. be able to browse the internet, download files, utilise email effectively, complete online forms, and use desktop editing software such as MS Excel and Word. While an extensive induction programme to online learning will be provided, applicants whose IT skills do not meet an intermediate standard are advised to undertake beginners IT training before commencing the programme.

