



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Basic Horse Behaviour and Body Structure Explained

Culture and Arts / Sport

Unit Standard 244041 · NQF Level 1 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides learners with foundational knowledge of equine behaviour and anatomy, enabling them to handle horses safely and humanely. It covers basic body structure, common behavioural cues, and safe interaction practices essential for anyone working with horses in recreational or professional settings.

Category	Culture and Arts
Subfield	Sport
Unit Standard	244041
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 1 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify and describe the major external body parts of a horse.
- Explain common horse behaviours and their meanings in handling contexts.
- Apply safe handling techniques based on understanding of horse body language.
- Demonstrate basic restraint and leading procedures while reading behavioural cues.
- Recognize signs of stress, discomfort, or aggression in horses and respond appropriately.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for new horse owners, grooms, riding school assistants, and anyone entering the equine industry who needs a practical understanding of horse behaviour and body structure.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Horse Behaviour and Body Structure

- Overview of equine evolution and domestication
- Natural horse behaviour in the wild
- Key external anatomical features (head, neck, trunk, limbs)
- Introduction to body language: ears, eyes, tail, posture
- Basic communication signals (threats, submission, curiosity)
- Safety considerations when approaching horses

Day 2: Deeper Understanding of Behaviour and Skeletal/Muscular Systems

- Feeding behaviour and grazing patterns
- Social hierarchy and herd dynamics
- Stress indicators and stereotypic behaviours (cribbing, weaving)
- The skeletal system: skull, spine, ribs, and limb bones
- Major joints and their range of motion
- Muscle groups involved in locomotion and posture
- How structure influences behaviour (e.g., flight response)

Day 3: Practical Application of Behavioural and Anatomical Knowledge

- Conformation assessment: identifying common faults
- Behavioural assessment in various contexts (stable, pasture, handling)
- Safe handling: leading, tying, grooming with anatomical awareness
- Recognising signs of pain or discomfort through behaviour and posture
- Case studies: applying knowledge to real-world scenarios
- Review and integration of all concepts

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 1**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 17,900.00	R 17,900.00
1	In-House	R 23,300.00	R 23,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 26,800.00	R 26,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 244041) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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