

**BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY!**

**APPLICATION**  
Complete online application and submit for review. If needed, an informal interview will take place

**ACCEPTANCE BASED ON MEETING ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND FACULTY APPROVAL**

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# EQUINE-FACILITATED LEARNING LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION PROCESS



## BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY

To begin your journey with The HERD Institute®, start by submitting your online application. Once we receive your application, we will send you a confirmation email and your application will go into review. If the Admissions Team feels they need more information, an informal interview may be requested. This will be no longer than 1 hour and conducted via Zoom (a free online meeting application). Enrollment onto the program is subject to approval by the Admissions Team, and you will be notified of your application status within a week.

## PRE-COURSE WORK

The Pre-Course Work is designed to help you prepare for your first module. In this course, you will find all the necessary prerequisites prior to starting Module 1. This includes required reading, your student handbook, the reading list for the program, and The HERD Institute® Code of Ethics and Professional Practice. Additionally, you will need to complete the required Equine Awareness quiz and The HERD Institute® Code of Ethics and Professional Practice quiz.

This pre-course work is designed to prepare you for the program and to help us identify any areas where you might need additional support throughout your journey with The HERD Institute®.

### First Mentoring Session:

After you have completed the Pre-Course Work, you will sign up for your first mentoring session, to be completed BEFORE you start Module 1. This will allow you to meet the faculty member for your course and for us to meet you. These sessions are designed to allow you the space to ask any questions, talk through the course, discuss your pre-course work, and anything additional around EFL and the program.

## MODULE 1

Module 1 is comprised of 4 weeks, with 6 lessons per week. You can sign in and work at your own pace, reading the material, completing quizzes, and submitting weekly assignments. There are videos for each lesson and transcripts available. Students are required to complete all the coursework and submit one original discussion post and two replies **per week**.

At the end of each week, there is a short assignment due. Assignments are due on the Sunday at the end of each week of the Module, and the final assignment must be submitted **no later than** a week after the course ends. Before you can progress to Module 2, all assignments must be submitted.

### Second Mentoring Session:

During Module 1, you will need to sign up for your second mentoring session. This session must be completed before the start of Module 2.

## MODULE 2

Module 2 is comprised of 3 weeks, with 6 lessons per week. You can sign in and work at your own pace, reading the material, completing quizzes, and submitting weekly assignments. There are videos for each lesson and transcripts available. Students are required to complete all the coursework and submit one original discussion post and two replies **per week**.

At the end of each week, there is a short assignment due. Assignments are due the Sunday at the end of each week of the Module, and the final assignment must be submitted **no later than** a week after the course ends. Before you can progress to Module 3, all assignments must be submitted.



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## MODULE 3 PRE-COURSE WORK

The Module 3 Pre-Course Work is designed to help you prepare for Module 3. In this course, you will find all the necessary information you will need to help you understand how Module 3 will run. You will be provided with the Practice Skills Self-Assessment and Facilitation Skills Self-Assessment Forms, and the Assessment Criteria we will use when evaluating your practice session during Module 3. Additionally, you will also be provided with the guidelines for preparing your practice session.

### Third Mentoring Session:

Once you have completed Module 3 Pre-Course Work, you will need to sign up for your third mentoring session. This session must be completed before the start of Module 3.

## MODULE 3

Module 3 is our 3-day, in-person Intensive held at various locations across the US and Canada. During this intensive, you will combine all the knowledge and skills gained during Modules 1 and 2, and put them into practice. You will get the chance to experience EFL for yourself, ample practice at facilitating EFL sessions, and learn the logistics around how to do this work once you're ready.

On day 3 of the module, you will get to run your practice session. During this time, you will have the chance to run a session with your desired population (which will be role-played by the other students), with live feedback. Faculty members will use the Assessment Criteria found in the Module 3 Pre-Course Work to assess your practice session.

Once everyone has completed their sessions, students will either graduate with their certification or they will graduate as Candidates.

## CERTIFICATION

Students graduating with their full certification, will receive a certificate with The HERD Institute® seal. This indicates that you have successfully completed all the necessary work and have fulfilled all the criteria needed to be able to go out and do the work, as a HERD graduate. Faculty members have concluded that you have demonstrated all the necessary criteria to be an ethical and successful practitioner.

## CANDIDATE STATUS

Students graduating with Candidate Status have completed all the basic requirements for the course and faculty members feel that they need a bit more practice and training before they can receive their certification. Students will receive a certificate of attendance and will need to fulfill additional requirements before they can earn their full graduate certification status. These additional requirements will be dependent on the needs of the student. Faculty members will discuss next steps with students individually.

Next steps may include the following:

1. Complete one additional mentoring session
2. Re-Attend Module 3
3. Attend a Live Mentoring Day

The cost for re-attempting Certification is \$400.