

**PATH International
Equine Specialist in Mental Health
and Learning
REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration deadline: September 3, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

PATH member _____

Please register me for the following:

€ Workshop & Certification \$550

€ Workshop only (October 7-9, 2016) \$400

€ Skills test only (October 10, 2016) \$150

Make checks payable to Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center or pay by VISA or Mastercard:

Card number: _____

Expiration date: / Security code: _____

Please list any food allergies: _____

Please mail your registration form to:
Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center
1320 Commerce St., Ste A, Petaluma, CA 94954

Meet Our Faculty

Trish Broersma, MA, LMT, TRI, ESMHL

Trish established two accredited PATH Premier Accredited Centers, and served as president of the Equine Facilitated Mental Association, a former section of NARHA. Her book *Riding into Your Mythic Life: Trans-formational Adventures with the Horse*, details her work in human development and the horse/human connection since 1980. She serves on the PATH Equine Welfare Committee and is faculty for the Equine Specialist Workshop. Currently she conducts workshops in the US and Australia, including Riding Beyond, a program for women recovering from breast cancer treatment.

Leslie McCullough, PhD, LCSW, TRI, ESMHL

For over 35 years Leslie has conducted psychotherapy with youth, including 24 years as one of the first full time EFP programs in the US. Serving on the EFMHA board, Leslie was one of the co-creators of the ESMHL workshop, which she currently teaches throughout the US. Leslie is now an assistant professor in social work at Washburn University in Topeka, KS, and is also a consultant and trainer with Hope and Healing Academy. Leslie and her Tufts University colleague, Megan Mueller, PhD were the 2013 recipients of HHRF research funding on the effect of EFP on PTSD, which they presented at the 2015 PATH conference.

Prerequisites

- Equestrian skills on the flat in English or Western tack comparable to those described in Pony Club C or CHA Level 1, familiarity with PATH Intl. Standards and PATH Intl. Code of Ethics, and/or PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor.
- Be at least 21 years of age with a high school diploma or GED with a demonstration of continued learning.

Focus of Training

- The specific role of the Equine Specialist when assisting or collaborating with humans service providers.
- Designing safe, mutually beneficial and effective activities to enhance participant outcomes.
- Determining specific horse handling methods.
- Understanding students with mental health and/or learning issues.
- Assessing the horse's response to student behaviors and needs.
- To help prepare qualified participants to take the PATH Intl. Equine Specialist Certification.

Training is Designed for:

- Equine Professionals.
- Therapeutic Riding Instructors.
- Those who wish to enhance their ability to work with mental health and education professionals and their clients.

Schedule

The workshop is 3 full days (8 am to 5 pm). The host site will provide a healthy morning snack and a full lunch on all three days. On the last day of the workshop a skills test review will be held in the evening. The skills test will occur on day 4. The length of the day will depend on the number of candidates testing.

Registration Information

- Candidates are registered on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register early. All Candidates MUST register by the registration deadline.
- Once payment has been received Giant Steps will send you the Registration Packet. Completed Registration Packets, along with a copy of your PATH International membership card, must be received no later than 14 day prior to the ESMHL workshop.
- DEADLINE for registration: September 3, 2016.
- CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations prior to the registration deadline (September 3, 2016) will be refunded less \$100 of your total registration fee. No refunds will be issued after September 3, 2016.

Course Location

The course host, Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center, is a PATH Premier Accredited Center located in beautiful Sonoma County, California. Situated on the same property with a world class horse show arena and premier boarding and training facilities, Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center provides an ideal spot to attend the Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Workshop and Practical Horsemanship Skills Test this fall.

Local Airports:

San Francisco (SFO) = 46 miles from Giant Steps
Oakland (OAK) = 47 miles from Giant Steps
Sacramento (SMF) = 76 miles from Giant Steps

Local Hotel:

Best Western Novato Oaks Inn, 415-883-4400

What to bring:

- ◆ Closed toed shoes or riding boots
- ◆ Appropriate clothing for the outdoors (Temperatures will be hot during the days, and cool in the evenings.)

For more information:

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Larson at (707) 781-9455 or julie@giantstepsriding.org, or visit our website at www.giantstepsriding.org.



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