

Faculty

Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS

Bonnie is a Physical Therapist with an MA, and MPA. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Riding Instructor and certified as a National Assessor for riders interested in competing in national events and the Paralympics. Bonnie is a certified clinical specialist in hippotherapy, coordinating faculty for American Hippotherapy Association, Inc., has taught internationally and presented at national and international conferences. She has served AHA, Inc. as their first executive director and board president. Bonnie has co-authored the AHA, Inc. courses: Long Lining: Maximizing Your Horses Potential and the Neuro Connection course. Bonnie was the 2007 recipient of the AHA, Inc. award for outstanding leadership. She has guest lectured on equine movement analysis for therapeutic riding horses at Centenary University in NJ.

Gina Taylor, MS, OT, HPCS

Gina Taylor is a New Jersey licensed occupational therapist. She received her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Philadelphia University and a Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies from Averett University. She is certified in Sensory Integration, DIR/Floortime, Infant Massage and is a board certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist (HPCS). Gina continues to expand her knowledge and the knowledge of other therapists about hippotherapy used as a treatment strategy through fieldwork student supervision, national conference presentations and her involvement with the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. as faculty member, past Board Member and previous Education Committee Chairperson.

Course Location



Quest Therapeutic Services
Inc.
461 Cann Rd. West Chester,
PA 19382

Travel Information

Nearest Airport: Philadelphia International
Airport

Lodging Information

Hotel Warner (West Chester)

Holiday Inn Express (West Chester)

Other Options listed on West Chester
Universities website (5 min. from us) :
<https://wcupa.edu/visitors.lodging.aspx>

Registration Information

A certificate of attendance will be provided.
Contact hours total 27. Courses are not pre-
approved unless indicated otherwise.

All attendees will receive a hard copy of the
AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles Manual - Level
Part 1. The course fee also includes lunch.
During the course you will be on and/or
working directly with horses. Please have
appropriate clothing/ footwear. Helmets will
be provided. If your weight exceeds 180 lbs.,
you may be excused from the mounted portion
of the course. Indicate any special needs on
the registration form (i.e. food allergies) and by
contacting the AHA, Inc. office prior to
submitting your registration form.

Cancellation Policies: AHA, Inc. reserves the
right to adjust course dates, times and faculty
to accommodate unforeseen including
cancellation of the course due to insufficient
registration up to 3 weeks prior to the
scheduled start date. Notification will only be
made to advanced registrants. Neither AHA,
Inc. nor the course location is responsible for
any expenses incurred by registrants due to
such adjustments.

Participant cancellation requests must be made
in writing no less than 3 weeks prior to the
course start date to receive a refund, minus a
\$100 administrative fee. No refunds will be
given for cancellations received within three
weeks prior to the start of the course.



American Hippotherapy Association
Inc.

Presents

**Level II – Hippotherapy
Treatment Principles**

Course Location/Dates:

**Quest Therapeutic
Services**

April 26-29, 2019



*Please email or mail registration
information to AHA Inc.*

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2537 Research Blvd. Suite 203
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Course Description

This curriculum is the follow up to AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles– Level I, with an emphasis on patient treatment and more advanced equine knowledge necessary for hippotherapy as an equine discipline.

Lecture, discussion, collaborative work and actual patient treatment occur over 4 days. Subjects include: recognizing desirable conformation, soundness, and movement qualities of the therapy horse; training, conditioning and monitoring of the therapy horse; understanding optimization of the therapy horse for a patient treatment; and safety principles for the therapy horse and environment. The therapist will learn to identify and convey to the horse handler the necessary skills required to produce quality movement when leading, lunging or long lining the hippotherapy horse in patient treatment and understand the need to educate and train staff and/or volunteers who will be working with the therapy horse. Understanding the requirements to maintain a safe, effective and successful clinic program including billing, documentation and clinical evidence for the inclusion of hippotherapy in the treatment plan. This curriculum is designed to provide and facilitate a problem solving treatment approach, using actual patients currently involved in hippotherapy as part of their physical, occupational or speech therapy treatment plan. Practical applications of the AHA Conceptual Framework, including Dynamic Systems and Motor Learning Principles will be facilitated. Treatments will be videotaped and reviewed with discussion and instructor feedback to analyze and further advance the learning experience. This course may be attended by

licensed Speech, Physical and Occupational therapists and assistants (PTA, COTA, and SLPA's).

The curriculum may be utilized only under conditions set forth by AHA, Inc.

A few of the course Learning Outcomes include: (for a full list of Learning Outcomes please visit the AHA, Inc. website.

- Therapists will demonstrate understanding of the Hippotherapy Conceptual Framework (HCF) in clinical problem solving by identifying 5 HCF tenets when implementing skilled equine movement into a patient's therapy POC.
- Therapists will apply the hippotherapy conceptual framework in the adult and pediatric populations with neurological impairments in various case scenarios and link it to therapy treatment progression and note writing.
- Therapists will develop and implement a therapy treatment protocol for skilled equine movement, that incorporates horse selection, equipment, and handling; equine movement progression, and integration of hippotherapy to create an adaptive response in the patient's system to address participation restrictions and functional skills in two comprehensive therapy treatment practicums.
- Therapists will demonstrate effective use of equine movement in two comprehensive therapy treatment sessions to enhance treatment outcomes.
- Therapists will demonstrate the use of

appropriate pre- and post-treatment functional outcome measures for therapy patients in two comprehensive treatment practicums.

- Therapists will be able to describe 2 treatment criteria for identifying when hippotherapy, skilled equine movement might no longer be an effective treatment tool/strategy for inclusion in a patient's POC.
- Therapists will be able to describe 3 procedures for due diligence of HIPAA compliance in verbal and written communication among team members when hippotherapy, skilled equine movement is included in a patient's POC.
- Therapists will list and describe 5 ways that the AHA, Inc. Best Practice Guidelines can be demonstrated in the use of hippotherapy, skilled equine movement in clinical practice.

Registration Form – Level II Course Date, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*AHA, Inc. Member #: _____

New memberships are accepted.

Join today at www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org.

Credentials to be listed on course certificate:

Height _____ Weight _____

Special needs, mobility restrictions, diet, etc. **Please notify the AHA, Inc. office prior to completing this registration of your special needs.**

Registration is limited.

Early registration on or before April 5, 2019

_____ \$950.00 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$1,050.00 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

After April 5, 2019

_____ \$1,050.00 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$1,150 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

___ Check - payable to AHA Inc.

___ Charge MC VISA AM EX

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing zip code _____