

Faculty

Ruth Dismuke-Blakely, MS/CCC- SLP, HPCS

Ruth is a speech/language pathologist and professional horsewoman involved in using hippotherapy since 1978. She operates Skyline Therapy Services; an outpatient clinic specializing in the trans disciplinary applications of equine movement in PT, OT and ST. Ruth has published research and articles, presented at numerous conferences and workshops and has taught internationally. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Hippotherapy Association, was V-President of AHA, helped develop the AHA curriculum and currently serves as Chair of the Reimbursement Committee. She is a former AHCB Board member, is an AHCB Clinical Specialist and she is regarded as a leader in the field of hippotherapy as a treatment tool. Ruth is a former AHA Therapist of the Year. She lives in Edgewood, New Mexico

Joann Benjamin, PT, HPCS- Joann has been practicing Physical Therapy for more than 30 years, specializing in the use of Hippotherapy for children and adults. She has a background in neuro rehab, and currently specializes in pediatrics/early intervention, working in the Los Angeles area. She has taught about Hippotherapy internationally as a Faculty Coordinator with the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA, Inc). She is Board Certified as a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist. She served on the board for the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. and the American Hippotherapy Certification Board (AHCB). She serves on the Adaptive Sports Committee and the Para Equestrian Technical Committee with the USEF, and is a Classifier for the USEF and the FEI for competitive dressage and driving for equestrians with disabilities

Course Location



1090 Mountain Valley Road.
Edgewood, New Mexico 80715

Travel Information

Nearest Airport: Flights are in and out of Albuquerque International Airport in Albuquerque, NM. We are about 45 minutes from the airport. Maps to Skyline Therapy will be provided to each registrant.

Lodging Information

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express 10330 Hotel Circle NE
Albuquerque, NM (505) 275-8900 (approx... 20 minutes from Skyline)

Best Western Heritage Motel 111 B Anaya Ln,
Moriarty, NM 87035 (505) 832-5000 (approx... 20 minutes from Skyline)

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:
Skyline Therapy Services**

June 19-22, 2019



Please email or mail registration information to AHA Inc.

mwood@theahainc.org

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.

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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 May 30, 2019

_____ \$950.00 for AHA, Inc. Member

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

After May 30, 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 _____