

EQUINE INTERN

SUMMARY



Different Day Foundation's mission is to help promote growth, reflection, and healing for those experiencing the results of trauma. Our licensed clinical team and extensive range of therapies provide the support and education women need to put themselves back on the right path.

The Equine intern assists the Equine Director. The Equine Intern is responsible to help develop and execute best-practice equine-assisted therapy for clients. The ideal candidate will be confident in their ability to work with horses and ensure client safety in individual and group settings. The Equine Therapist works closely with the Director of Programs as a member of the clinical team to provide individualized, integrated therapeutic experiences.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Facilitating individually tailored therapy sessions with individuals
- Assessing new clients for client needs and suitability for implementing equine therapy in a safe manner that is both individualized and accessible
- Developing curriculum and therapeutic individuals
- Explaining therapeutic objectives of each session
- Establishing boundaries and expectations for all participants
- Delivering individuals independently with assistance from DOP
- Collaborating with the clinical team to develop and/or assess equine-assisted therapy policies and procedures on an ongoing basis to ensure animal and client safety to the highest degree
- Responsible for the care and oversight of the horses, barn, arena, and pastures
- Ensuring the highest degree of animal safety when in session
- Assuming all daily animal care duties in the absence of an animal caretaker and/or as circumstances require as directed by the supervisor
- Communicating and working with the clinical team and direct care staff to ensure the therapeutic needs of the survivors are met and to determine the best practice for meeting those needs
- Participating in treatment team meetings
- Writing clinical notes in a timely manner
- Contributing to treatment plans, write equine-specific progress notes and other records in a timely manner
- Helping to facilitate engaging tour experiences for families and professionals
- Assisting animal caretaker to provide care to all animals, which may include feeding, grooming, riding, conditioning, and other horsemanship activities
- Creating safe and nurturing relationships with all animals at Different Day
- Assisting the animal caretaker in the ongoing evaluation of animals for their health, well-being, and suitability to engage in a therapeutic program in accordance with criteria set forth by industry standards
- Maintaining complete client confidentiality

