

# **Grennan College Equestrian Centre Full -time Equestrian Course**

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Grennan College runs a nine-month course, (September to June) in preparation for the British Horse Society Stages 1, 2, 3, and Preliminary Teaching Test and QQI Level 5 Award in Horsemanship and may then progress onto QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Horsemanship. It is a practical and academic course for those seeking careers in the Equine industry. It is designed and run in accordance with international standards in order to attain the best equine and teaching practice. The course specialises in equipping its students for a successful career in equine industry, and continues to develop to meet the particular needs of the industry. The course content includes Sport Horse Riding (Equitation), Stable and Yard routine (Horse Knowledge and Care) Equine Nutrition, Equine Anatomy and Physiology, Veterinary Care, Coaching skills, Young Horse Training techniques, Communications, Work Experience, Business Administration.

The Course is run over 9 months (Mid-September to first week in June) in preparation for the British Horse Society Assistant Instructor Certificate and QQI Level 5 Award in Horsemanship.

Students gain work experience by taking part in the practical care of horses and yard duties every second week to include two Saturdays and one Sunday a month. This is done on a rota basis with students as follows

### **On Rota Tuesday to Friday + Monday**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8.00 -	Water, hay, feed, muck out, bed down allocated horses.
9.30	Break –
10.00-	Classes
3.30	Yard Duties
5.00	Finish

### **Saturday (On rotas only)**

8.30 Yard Duties

4.00 Finish

### **Sunday (half groups)**

9.00 Water, hay, feed. Skip out

10.30 finish in yards until

4.30 Return Hay and Feed

5.30 Finish

### **Off Rota;**

9.00 – 3.45 Classes except Friday - students finish at 1.00pm  
Off Saturday and Sunday

## **Entry requirements**

Students are recommended to have Leaving Certificate or equivalent **BUT THIS IS NOT COMPULSORY**. Some equestrian experience **is essential**.

## **Duration of Course**

Course commences mid-September lasting for nine months and finishes first week in June. There is one week's break at end of October. Three week break at Christmas time. One week's break at Easter time

## **Costs**

There is a deposit of €200 to secure place. The Government has stipulated that, with effect from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, students enrolling on PLC courses are required to pay a **Programme Participant Contribution of €200**.

However, the following categories of participant **are exempt** from paying the contribution:

- full medical holders in their own right and their dependent children;
- those who are eligible under the student grant scheme;
- those in receipt of the Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)
- those in receipt of Vocational Training Operation Scheme (VTOS) allowances.

Where applicable **Programme Participant Contribution must be paid on the first day of the course**

## Approximate guideline of costs

Deposit	€200
Department of Education & Skills fee X	€200
Exam Fees - QQI X	€50
BHS Membership	€80
BHS Stage 1	€227.09
BHS Riding & Road Safety	€75
BHS Stage 2	€273.88
BHS Stage 3	€350.95
PTT.	350.95
First Aid	€130
Code of Ethics	€20

X exempt if meet criteria as listed above

BHS membership entitled to 10% discount as training in Exam Centre. BHS fees taken in stages over the course as relevant to the exams the individual student wishes to take.

Approximate costs (BHS fees subject to change. BHS exam fee updates and breakdown is available at [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk))

## Accommodation

On acceptance to the course a list of accommodation is sent which can be either digs or renting a house /apartment. This is a separate cost to the above.

## Interviews

Interviews are held towards the end of May normally on a Saturday so as not to interrupt school / college work.

Applications are taken all year around.