

Faculty

Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS

Bonnie is a licensed Physical Therapist in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Physical Therapy and Master of Public Administration. Bonnie is a registered member of the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc., 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 conferences. Bonnie is a physical therapists who utilizes hippotherapy treatment strategies. She has served the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. as their first executive director, a past board member and past board president.



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Continuing Education

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

Directions/Hotel Information

Transportation Information:

Daily transportation from the hotel to Great & Small and back will be offered free of charge. Pick-up and drop-off times at Dulles and Baltimore-Washington Airports will also be offered.

Airport Pick-ups (Friday, March 23rd):
Dulles (IAD) and Baltimore-Washington (BWI)
7:00 p.m.

Airport Drop-offs (Tuesday, March 27th):
Dulles (IAD) and Baltimore-Washington (BWI)
directly following the conclusion of the course

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms will be reserved at The Fairfield Inn and Suites in Germantown, MD. A separate e-mail will be sent when the block is open for reservations.

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

Great and Small and REINS Therapeutic Services

Present

AHA Inc. Approved

Level I

Treatment Principles

March 24-27, 2018



At Great and Small

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Level I Treatment Principles

This 4 day course is an overview of the principles of hippotherapy, designed for therapists (PT, OT, SLP, PTA, COTA, SLPA) interested in utilizing hippotherapy in their practice. The first day emphasizes the horse, and the importance of the quality of the horse's movement working in treatment. Using experiential non-mounted activities, the attendee will learn to interpret the body language of the horse, groom, tack and lead the therapy horse, recognize desirable conformation, soundness, movement quality, gaits, and understand training, conditioning and humane treatment of the therapy horse.

Building on these equine skills, the attendee will explore the dynamic system of therapist, patient, horse handler and horse as is applied in Hippotherapy. Topics include: the history and development of hippotherapy in the US, understanding the biomechanical and sensory interaction of horse/human, horse selection, safety principles, patient and horse selection, precautions and contraindications, patient evaluation, maximizing the effects of equine movement including use of school figures and movement progression, the role of the therapy team members, documentation, business aspects and current research in the effects of equine movement.

Adaptive riding instructors, horse handlers, administrators and others interested in hippotherapy treatment principles are welcome to attend, teamed with their therapist. Graduate occupational, physical and speech therapy students must be in their last semester of graduate school to be eligible to attend this course for credit.

Registration Information

All attendees will receive a hard copy of the AHA, Inc. Level I Treatment Principles Manual. The course fee also includes breakfast and 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 200#, you may be excused from the mounted portion of the course. Indicate any special restrictions on the registration form.

Cancellation Policies: AHA, Inc. and the host facility reserve the right to adjust course dates, times and faculty to accommodate unforeseen circumstances 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 host facility 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 \$115 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received within three weeks prior to the start of the course.

Course prerequisite: Successful completion of the on-line "Intro to Equine Skills" test reviewing equine care and management. Completion of the course must be at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the course. AHA, Inc. staff will confirm with the host site that the test has been completed and passed. The cost of the test is \$35.00. Visit the AHA, Inc. website under "Curriculum Overview," under the Education tab for a link to purchase.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*AHA, Inc. Member #/exp.: _____

New memberships are accepted. Join today at www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org.

Credentials as listed on course certificate:

Non-therapists: *Please Circle one:* Riding Instructor / Horse handler / Administrator / Other _____

Height _____

Weight _____

Special needs-mobility restrictions/diet/etc.

Registration is limited.

Early registration on or before March 10, 2018

_____ \$725 for AHA, Inc. Member/\$850 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

On or after March 11, 2018

_____ \$780 for AHA, Inc. Member/\$905 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

___ Check - payable to Great and Small

___ Charge MC VISA AM EX

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing zip code _____