Preparing Students for Careers with Horses since 1963
Meredith Manor is an accredited, equestrian trade school dedicated exclusively to producing professional riders, trainers, instructors and farriers for the horse industry. All programs and courses are designed specifically to prepare you for a successful, long-lasting equestrian career. Our students spend 6 hours a day in primarily hands-on, skill based classes with additional time spent in the barns and with the horses. Students don’t have to excel in academic, classroom based classes to be successful in our programs, but they must have a passion for horses and a dedication to having a successful equine career.

Throughout my time at Meredith Manor I became a new person. With every new horse and every new quarter my confidence and skill level improved dramatically. I became a rider at Meredith Manor. My lifelong dreams are coming true.

Kelly Lagos: 2005 Riding Master VI Graduate
Riding Master I - VI

Meredith Manor has six Riding Master programs designed to prepare students for careers as professional riders, trainers and instructors. Each week consists of 8 hours of instructed Riding, 16 hours of Career Area electives, 3 hours of Showing, 2 hours of Theory and 21 hours of Horse and Barn Care. The programs are taken in a sequential fashion, each consisting of one 12 week quarter. The student may graduate after successful completion of any program. A student completing the full program and receiving a Riding Master VI would complete 6 quarters (72 weeks).

There is no other program in which you will work as extensively on your riding skills, teaching skills, training skills and overall education than Meredith Manor.

Will Durden: 2002 Riding Master VI Graduate
Equine Science Master

The Equine Science Master program is designed for students who do not want to be involved or cannot be involved in the direct riding of horses yet wish to pursue a career in management, teaching, farrier, massage therapy, breeding or a combination of these. It has a similar curriculum to the Riding Master programs but has 8 additional hours of Career Area electives per week in place of the riding classes. The Equine Science Master is a 3 quarter (36 week) program.

I want to thank you for the amazing education that you gave me. The fantastic amount that I learned at MM gave me a rock solid foundation that I have built on over the years. For your dedication, vision and absolute practicality I thank you!

Bekah (Bailey) Murchison: 1992 Riding Master I Graduate
Farrier

In our farrier programs you will receive both the theoretical knowledge and the practical hands-on experience that will be the foundation for your career as a professional farrier. We offer a 12 week Shoeing Short Course which is well suited for students with some previous farrier knowledge and skills. We also offer a 36 week Equine Science Master with Farrier Emphasis which is more in depth with additional focus on anatomy, conformation, unsoundness, diseases, and forge work. Our farrier students have access to approximately 145 school horses including many different breeds trained in several different disciplines.

Recognize that you are one of the fortunate few to have a passion that you can turn into a career.

Kim Read-Graff: 1978 Riding Master VI Graduate
Riding Majors:

Western • Dressage • Jumping • Versatility

Two hours of riding classes per day on different horses allow students to learn and develop skills under a variety of conditions. Small classes allow our experienced instructors to individualize and give serious consideration to student needs, interests, and physical and mental capabilities. Our students also have Riding Theory which covers the underlying riding principles, Showing which is designed to familiarize students with all aspects of competition, and Horse and Barn Care where students are responsible for the care of the horses.

Meredith Manor has given me the confidence to become the best rider and teacher I can be. The knowledge I gained in my time at MM gave me a great base to start my life in the Dressage world.

Enika Lucio Schembari: 1996 Riding Master VI Graduate
The Career Emphasis Area courses are designed to give the student training in specialized areas of their choice. The courses have been developed to give the student practical experience and knowledge in the key areas where people are needed in the horse industry. Each course is 2 hours per day, 4 days per week. They include:

- Training I - VI
- Horse Health
- Teaching I - VI
- Equine Breeding
- Equine Business Management
- Farrier Craftsmanship I - VI
- Equine Massage Therapy
- Forging

I got students really quickly once they found out I was a Meredith Manor certified instructor. The student count went up almost before I was ready. I didn’t realize what a difference it would make.

Julie Huffman Griffin: 2003 Riding Master IV Graduate
A horse professional needs experience with a wide variety of horses. Meredith Manor has approximately 145 horses including many different breeds trained in several different disciplines with many new horses arriving every quarter. Our students work with all types of horses from training colts all the way up to top level show horses. Because of our variety of horses, each student can be assigned horses that are best suited to their needs at every point in their development as a rider. Students will ride two different horses each day and will often ride 10-12 different horses per quarter and up to 70 different horses over the course of their program.

When I left the Manor I had accumulated almost 2000 hours in the saddle under some of the finest instructors in the world. I was a new person, full of the confidence that comes with realizing a dream. I now have a solid foundation to continue on my own, to set new goals and realize new dreams.

Kelly Lagos: 2005 Riding Master VI Graduate
The key ingredient to producing horse professionals is the instructor and Meredith Manor maintains a staff of ten exceptionally dedicated, experienced, and trained instructors. Our instructors remain actively and successfully involved in their disciplines and each receives continuing education to assure the best instruction possible for our students. The small size of our school (60 students on average) and classes allows our students to have a unique relationship with their instructors. Within a short period of time, all of our staff knows each student personally which results in a unique learning and teaching environment that isn’t available at other schools. For detailed information about our instructors, visit www.meredithmanor.edu/about.

Thanks to all my instructors, you are truly amazing and if it weren’t for you I would never be the success that I am now and continue to be. I am proud to be an MM graduate and would recommend the school to anyone!

Bill Disbennett: 2002 Riding Master VI Graduate
I have a lot of very valuable knowledge that I can use to help people. The average 21-year-old doesn’t have a system, doesn’t have a solid background. Other than the saddle time you spend at Meredith Manor, having that system is probably the most valuable thing you learn. You can always go back to it.

Jana Armstrong: 2005 Riding Master VI Graduate
Due to our specialized programs, Meredith Manor attracts individuals from around the world to our quaint campus. When our students take a break from the horses, they enjoy a variety of activities including visits to the local YMCA, having a cup of coffee at a local bookstore, enjoying the outdoors at one of our many parks, or listening to a local band. For those students who like to stay closer to campus, time can be spent socializing with friends in the dorms or hanging out around a small bonfire. Our unique population provides students with the opportunities to make lifelong friends as well as develop valuable future business connections.

I will always view attending Meredith Manor as one of the best decisions I’ve ever made and will forever remember and appreciate the people and horses that have shaped my life.

Genny Kraus: 2007 Riding Master VI Graduate
What are the enrollment requirements?
Our only requirements are you must be a high school graduate or equivalent in good physical health. All levels of riders, from true beginners to experienced professionals, are accepted into our programs. We do not have a GPA requirement and we do not require SAT or ACT scores. Many students who may not have excelled in academics do very well in our program where they are pursuing a skill based education.

Can I bring my horse with me to Meredith Manor?
Yes, students may bring their own horses with them and choose whether their horse will be used in our program or not. If their horse is used in our program, the student will determine if they will ride the horse exclusively or if it will be ridden by other students as well.

Meredith Manor completely changed my life. I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for the instructors, teachers, and horses at MM. They gave me the skills and the knowledge to be a confident rider and trainer out in the horse industry and I’m excelling on my own with the tools they have given me.

Samantha Capoferrì: 2007 Riding Master VI Graduate
How much time will I spend with the horses?
Students have 8 hours of riding classes per week and an additional 16 hours of Career Area electives. These electives are all hands-on, with the majority of time spent working with the horses. Students also spend about 21 hours per week in the barns caring for the horses.

Is financial aid available?
Yes, federal financial aid is available in the form of Pell Grants, Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, Stafford Loans, and Plus Loans to qualified applicants. We are also approved for Veterans’ Benefits and accept student scholarships from any outside organization.

I will never forget the ability Ron Meredith had to get inside a horse’s head to understand the reasons for the horse’s response to stimuli. I learned things at Meredith Manor that have carried me through an entire lifetime career with horses and ponies.

Marcia (Fleming) Yeager: 1969 Graduate
What graduate services do you offer?
We receive requests from a wide variety of businesses that want to hire Meredith Manor graduates. These job openings are compiled in our Job Book which is available to our graduating students and past graduates. We also assist our graduating students in preparing resumes, giving references, and with the initial call or letter to prospective employers. Additionally, all graduates have the option to post their resume on our web site.

What is the job placement rate for your graduates?
Our most recent statistics show that 90% of our graduates gain employment in the equine industry within ninety days of graduation.

I have used the education that I attained at Meredith Manor every single day since I left in one capacity or another. It was the most useful decision I could have made.

Derel Lee Twombly: 1980 Riding Master IV Graduate
To determine if Meredith Manor is the right school for you, come visit us for a campus tour. To receive more information, request a school catalog or schedule a tour contact us or visit our website:
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Due to our small size, classes fill quickly. Early enrollment will reserve a spot in your desired starting quarter and lock in our current tuition rate. Enrollment forms are included in the school catalog or can be found at www.meredithmanor.edu/about

Originally I wanted to go to a university, but Meredith Manor had the most one-on-one time with instructors not to mention that you got to spend your whole day with horses. It sounded like my kind of school!

Julie Ullom: 2005 Riding Master III Graduate