



Providing High Quality Education & Services To Horse Enthusiasts

LH Professional Hoof Care Training Program

The Gateway Clinic

The Gateway Clinic is where the journey toward certification starts. Participants receive five days of intense practical training and theoretical information that forms a firm foundation for a successful career in Hoof Care. The Gateway Clinic is held once a year in the United States with arrangements that make it easy for people from outside the United States to attend. Fee = \$ 1,975.

Field Instruction

Field instruction provides practical information about hoof trimming, cooperative horse handling, tool use and maintenance, healthy body mechanics, and starting and managing a successful natural hoof care business. Our field instructors are highly-skilled, experience hoof care professionals.

Each student is required to complete three field practicums but may do as many as needed to prepare for a successful Final Assessment. Fee per day = \$ 175 in US, € 130 in Europe.

The Final Assessment

The Final Assessment is an “on-site” evaluation. Your work with your client’s horses is evaluated by the Director of our Barefoot Initiative, Ann Corse, or another designated instructor. **All Final Assessments are arranged through Ann Corso.** Fee = \$ 575 in US, € 425 in Europe ... *plus instructor transportation and motel costs.*

Certification

Students who pass the Final Assessment receive a Certificate of Accomplishment stating they have successfully completed the Liberated Horsemanship training program for hoof care professionals. Graduates receive the designation Certified Hoof Care Professional (CHCP) and are listed on the Liberated Horsemanship website as a service to help promote their hoof care business. There is no associated fee.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to submit an application to enter the training program?

No. You begin the program by attending a Gateway Clinic. Use the link on the LH Home page, LiberatedHorsemanship.com, to register for a Gateway Clinic and pay by credit card.

Can farriers go through the certification program?

Yes. Farriers are welcome. Their skills and knowledge give them an advantage that may allow them to go through the certification program relatively quickly. Approximately thirteen professional farriers have been certified or trained by LH.

Do I have to become a member of Liberated Horsemanship?

No. Liberated Horsemanship is not a membership organization, but we hope to retain a longterm relationship with everyone who completes the training program. We also encourage people to return periodically to the Gateway Clinic. There is no fee for return visits. This is an important benefit which helps to keep hoof care professionals current with up to date information. It also provides new students an opportunity to meet and talk with others who already have gone through the training program and have developed successful natural hoof care businesses.

How much does the training cost?

The total cost for required elements is \$3,075 plus travel expenses for the Final Assessment. This total amount includes free campus housing during the Gateway Clinic, free lunches catered by the Ohio State University ATI chef during the Gateway Clinic, and free shuttle service to and from the airport for the Gateway Clinic. This total amount does not have to be paid all at once. You may set the pace of your training to suit factors in your life and pay for each element of the program, i.e., Gateway Clinic, Field Instruction and Final Assessment, as you go.

Are there any administrative charges associated with the program?

No. There are no hidden charges or dues.

How soon can I expect to start making money trimming hooves?

Most people begin to trim horses professionally shortly after they attend a Gateway Clinic. They begin making money from their new business while they train.

Do I have to complete the program within a certain time period?

No. You advance through the program toward certification at your own pace.

Does Liberated Horsemanship offer continuing education courses?

Yes. By successfully completing the training program, you earn the designation *Certified Hoof Care Professional*, CHCP. You may go on to earn the designation *Master Hoof Care Professional*, MHCP. The MHCP credential is earned by a CHCP who has accumulate seven continuing education (CE) credits following certification. CE credits can be gained by attending certain LH Clinics, selected events in the LH Professional Series, or other qualifying events conducted by other individuals or organizations. LH also gives credit for exceptional lifetime achievement.

Is continuing education required?

No. It is entirely voluntary.

Is certification permanent?

Absolutely! Once you are certified no one can take it away from you. It is a testament to your accomplishment, skill and knowledge, just like high school and college degrees.

The Gateway Clinic

The Foundation For A Successful Hoof Care Career

Providing a well-rounded background in the theory of an anatomically and functionally correct trim, factors that can affect its outcome, and practical, supervised trimming instruction and experience.

Core Instructors

Bruce Nock, MS, PhD: The founder of LH, author of acclaimed books and articles, and a tenured neurobiologist at Washington University School of Medicine, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Bruce teaches students how biomechanics, and management and use factors affect hoof health and shape. Read more about Bruce and LH at http://liberatedhorsemanship.com/About_Liberated_Horsemanship.html.

Ann Corse, MHCP Ann is one of only four hoof care professionals in the world who have attained the highly regarded designation *Master Hoof Care Professional*. She is the Director of Liberated Horsemanship's Barefoot Initiative and founder of "Kentucky Hoof Care, LLC," a corporation based outside of Lexington, KY. Ann is a world leader in natural hoof care education who is comfortable in the field as well as in the classroom. She is the author of *Form Follows Function*, an outstanding, informative article about how a proper hoof form facilitates function ... a fundamental tenet of natural hoof care. During the Gateway Clinic, Ann teaches participants how to do an authentic natural trim that maintains internal and external foot components in proper alignment and allows the foot to grow into a strong compact form that functions optimally. Her extensive knowledge from field and teaching experiences also allows Ann to help participant anticipate and cope with things they may encounter while trimming.

Professor Steve Hebrock, MHCP: Steve is the OSU host of the Gateway Clinic, an LH field instructor and the author of the popular *Enlightened Equine* blog. Steve, like Ann, is one of only four hoof care professionals in the world who have attained the highly regarded designation *Master Hoof Care Professional*. Steve has taught numerous classes at Ohio State University ATI, including equine hoof care, computer applications, and computer-design. He is an award-winning musician, electronics engineer and recording engineer with numerous patents, publications and product designs to his credit. He recently developed computer assisted technology for remotely monitoring and analyzing horse and hoof movements.

A Representative Gateway Clinic Schedule

Day 1

9:00 – 9:15 AM: *Welcoming Remarks – Bruce Nock, MS, PhD*

9:15 – 10:15 AM: *The Rise and Fall of Natural Hoof Care – Bruce Nock, MS, PhD*

Bruce explains the theory behind natural hoof care and discusses concepts and practices which have led to confusion in barefoot hoof care.

10:30 – 11:00 AM: *The Desert Brumby*

This visually stunning and compelling film shows how environmental and lifestyle factors naturally shape desert Brumby hooves into the anatomically-correct, strong compact form sought by authentic natural hoof care.

11:00 – Noon: *Characteristics of Optimal Hoof Form – Ann Corso, MHCP, Director of LH Barefoot Initiative*

Ann describes the characteristics of healthy hooves, their importance to biomechanically efficient movement, circulation, and the health of the inner structures of the foot. Understanding the characteristics of the healthy hoof form strengthens a trimmer's ability to apply trimming guidelines to the variety of hoof shapes and sizes that will be encountered.

Noon – 1:30 PM: *Lunch Break*

1:30 – 2:30 PM: *Characteristics of Optimal Hoof Form (continued) – Ann Corso, MHCP*

2:45 – 5:00 PM: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

B r i n g Y o u r T r i m m i n g T o o l s

Demonstration Trimming

The hoof should not be carved into a preconceived shape. Proper hoof care encourages the hoof **to grow** toward an optimal form. During this session, the principles that guide proper trimming are demonstrated using cadaver hooves. These principles apply to hooves of all forms.

Locating Landmarks

The hoof is the protective outer covering for the bones, sensitive tissues, and suspensory structures of the horse's foot. During this session, students learn how to locate inner structures using external landmarks. This skill is crucial for trimming that causes no harm and that properly aligns internal and external foot structures.

Tool Techniques

Tips on what tools to use and how to use them are explained and demonstrated.

Day 2

9:00 – 9:15 AM: *Group Photo*

9:15 – 11:00 PM: *Performance Hoof Boots – Richard Drewry, MHCP*

Performance Hoof Boots are essential to successful natural hoof care. Students are introduced to the wide variety of performance boots available and given information to help them select the right product and size. Boot modifications are also discussed. Richard is the U.S. distributor of the custom fit Swiss Horse Boot and has been teaching equine professionals and horse owners about hoof boots for more than a decade. He is uniquely qualified to give this introduction and overview of performance hoof boots and their role in natural hoof care.

11:15 – Noon: *What Others Do And We Don't ... And Why – Ann Corso, MHCP*

Prominent features and the validity of underlying assumption of a variety of barefoot trim models are discussed. A solid understanding of why we trim as we do and why we don't do certain things others do are safeguards against adopting trimming practices that can cause problems over the long run.

Noon – 1:30 PM: *Lunch Break*

1:30 – 5:00 PM: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

Demonstration Trim, Review and Questions

Lateral Balance/Wall Flares/Mustang Roll

- Checking lateral balance. Maintaining lateral balance of the hoof minimizes stress on connective tissues in the foot and on joints of the foot and leg.
- Safely addressing irregularities in wall thickness. Hooves that have been allowed to grow too long or that are not laterally balanced will develop protrusions or irregularities in wall thickness. Students will learn how to safely remove these without over-thinning hoof wall.
- Mustang Roll. A signature characteristic of the natural trim. Students will learn how to begin the roll from the bottom and finish it from the top.

Day 3

9:00 – 11:00 AM: *Equine Digestion and Forage Evaluation – Richard Drewry, MHCP*

One serious and all-to-common hoof pathology, laminitis, can be triggered or aggravated by feeding choices. It's important for hoof care providers to understand how feeding choices can support or hinder good hoof care.

Richard has a BS degree in Agronomy, the science of soil management and crop production, from the University of Arkansas. Until his retirement in 2012, he provided counseling about soil, crop, and livestock management through his work with US Department of Agriculture. In addition, Richard is an experienced hoof care professional, a horse owner, and a hay producer.

In this presentation Richard provides an overview of the horse's digestive system and explains how different types of feed and forage are digested. He continues with detailed information about hay production practices, and hay testing and what to check for when evaluating hay. Richard also includes a brief discussion about the popular use of nutraceuticals.

11:00 – Noon: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

Demonstration Trim, Review and Questions

Noon – 1:30 PM *Lunch Break*

1:30 – 5:00: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

- Putting it all together - Students put all of the steps of the trim together and practice trimming hooves from start to finish. Instructors are there to help. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Day 4

9:00 – Noon: *Understanding factors that affect hoof health – Bruce Nock, MS, PhD*

- How Management And Use Practices Impact Hoof Health
A Journey To The Cutting Edge Of Biomedical Science
- Horses In Captivity
Physiology Of Obesity-related Insulin Resistance And Laminitis
Laminitis And Equine Cushing's— Diseases Of Captivity

Noon – 1:30 PM: *Lunch Break*

1:30 – 5:00 PM: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

Demonstration Trim, Review and Questions

Continue practice trimming with instructor help when needed.

Day 5

9:00 – 10:30 AM: *Understanding factors that affect hoof health – Bruce Nock, MS, PhD*

- Protecting Horse's And Their Hooves From The Negative Impact Of Suboptimal Management And Use Practices And The Unnatural Stressors That Are Inherent To Life In Captivity

10:30 – 10:45 AM: *Hoof Care Certification Program: Next Steps – Ann Corso, MHCP*

- The Gateway to Natural Hoof Care Clinic is the first step toward certification for hoof care professionals. During this session the remaining elements of the program are described and questions about the program are answered.

11:00 – Noon: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*
Final Demonstration Trim, Review and Questions

Noon – 1:30: *Lunch Break*

1:30 – 4:00 PM: *Trim Workshop – Ann Corso, MHCP and Richard Drewry, MHCP*

- Students continue to practice trimming from start to finish with coaching from instructors.
- Independent trimming: Each student trims three hooves without coaching. These hooves will be evaluated by an instructor. Then the work will be discussed one-on-one. This is not a test. It is intended to provide you with a good idea of whether you're ready to begin trimming live horses, or whether you should consider some additional coaching with one of our field instructors before trimming live horses on your own.

Field Instruction

To arrange a day of instruction: Field instructors are listed below. Contact the one you want to train with and schedule a date. Then, go to our [Faculty page](#) and submit the fee.

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Examples of What Student Have Said

About The Program

“In October I attended a natural hoof care clinic conducted by Liberated Horsemanship in the USA. This was a great experience for me. I learnt a great deal about caring for horses and their feet from this team of knowledgeable and very experienced horse people. We traded a great deal of information during the 1 week course. I came home and re-trimmed all of my horses (all 15 of them!) and felt confident that I was doing the best thing for them. I would encourage people to attend this clinic, or one similar, no matter what level of experience or knowledge they have. Several of Liberated Horsemanship’s field instructors attended the seminar to assist with students learning but also to continue their own education. This is an organization that has the welfare of the horse as its main priority. The financial commitment they made to take me to the States is proof of their commitment to scientific advancement and continuing education in equine care.

During the USA visit I gave a six hour presentation of the teams work in St Louis. Liberated Horsemanship fully sponsored my trip to the USA for this purpose and I am greatly appreciative to Bruce Nock and his team for allowing me the opportunity to travel there and speak.” *Dr. Brian Hampson, PhD, founder of the Australian Brumby Research Unit, School of Veterinary Sciences, University of Queensland*

“What a great time I had at the Gateway Clinic. So much good information and such kind, generous, and knowledgeable instructors/lecturers. I don't know where to begin to elaborate on all my thoughts and feelings about my week in Warrenton.

First of all, thank you, Bruce, for allowing your passion for horses and your vision for helping horses and people to flow into the creation of *Liberated Horsemanship*. Never will I look at horses, and HOOF HEALTH, the same way, again. You, Richard, Ann, and Cynthia have opened my eyes and my understanding, and I find I'm having to seriously squelch my enthusiasm, or at least govern it a bit, when asked what I did in Missouri for a week! Don't take that last remark the wrong way. You see, and you may even have noticed, I tend to be quite vocal about things in which I deeply believe; close friends have even told me I'm intense and often must be taken in small doses. Alas, it is the price I pay for wanting to help others to richer understandings. Anyway, I am so excited about what I learned that I have been rereading every article on the *LH* website, as well as the latest that Chris Pollitt has posted on the UQ site. And, of course, I have been immersed in your two books, *Ten Golden Rules of Horse Training*, and *Ride For Tomorrow*, both of which I am thoroughly enjoying. I am like a human sponge! Eegads.

Since I spent the bulk of my time under the tutelage of Ann and Richard, I have to tell you how I admire their expertise and their generosity in sharing all they know with the students! They were generous with time, input, correction, encouragement, tools and aprons, and they were generous with themselves, too. (And even Cynthia—whom I kidnapped for an assessment of a hoof I had just finished—offered me timeless advice that from that point forward made my trimming technique better.) Delightful beings all, whom I hope to learn much more from and get to know better!” *Kim Truitt, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA*

“I found your organization while researching all of the alternatives available for trimming instruction. I had a gut feeling that your program was among the best. What I discovered, is that Liberated Horsemanship is the best. Fantastic instructors, that are thoughtful, empathetic and skillful communicators. I felt at home right away, and look forward to many years of association with your organization. The gateway clinics provide a solid foundation that builds the confidence necessary to continue to practice and learn. I can't wait to get started with field mentorships. It is very apparent that you pick your instructors with great care. I'm looking forward to returning to Warrenton in the spring for the advanced clinics!” *FAA Gold Seal Master Flight Instructor Greg Collins, ATP, CSES, CFI, CFII, MEI, A&P IA*

"In my 48 years I have made several major career changes and participated in the necessary training for each. The Gateway Clinics training was by far the best training I have taken. It was very thorough. The instructors were quite knowledgeable and excellent at imparting the information. I highly recommend this for training for anyone wishing to learn the correct way to care for and trim their barefoot horse! *Elizabeth McNeil, Blessings Farm, Charlton, Massachusetts*

"Liberated Horsemanship's Gateway Hoof Care Clinics far exceeded any expectations of quality education that I have had. The scientific and practical approach to learning, the instructors' knowledge of the subject matter, and their ability to express the information in a way that each individual student could understand it was a truly refreshing paradigm shifting experience." *Chris P. Bieber, Ymir, British Columbia, CANADA.*

"...thank you so much for such a great class! Someone on a Barefoot Group was asking about a trimming clinic in the Midwest, so of course I sent them your web site! :-) I told them that after taking the class, I feel confident that I can perform a balanced trim as long as I follow the guidelines, and I let them know that we all hear the old saying "No hoof, no horse", well, this has been turned around into "No horse, no hoof." *Karen C., Mid-Missouri.*

"I want to personally thank you, Jean, Ann, Richard, and John for the wealth of information provided to us during the Gateway Clinics. My trim is ten times better than prior to the clinic and the horses under my care have the sexiest wild horse feet around! My confidence is solid because I have the knowledge to tackle any hoof I come across. Thank you for the DETAILED information on saddle fitting, growing hay, nutrition, equine digestion, stress reducers, booting, proper riding, trimming, tools...this stuff was exceptionally helpful to me - what a well rounded education you have given me - WOW. Thank You! I'm so happy I came." *Carrie Carlino, Pennsylvania.*

"I recommend *Liberated Horsemanship training* to EVERYONE who has horses, whether you plan on trimming your own horses, trimming for others, are still shoeing your horses and curious about what a natural trim is all about, or don't trim at all and just want what is best for your horses.

I loved everything about the clinic. The instructors were all very knowledgeable and excellent at explaining the topics they were teaching. There was a lot of hands-on trimming time broken up between classroom sessions. Plus, I got to meet students and instructors from all across America and Canada who share the same passion as me.

The clinic was about much more than just how to trim a hoof. From what we feed our horses, to the environment they are kept in, to how we ride them and more, the clinic covered so many factors that affect the soundness of our horses that most people are completely unaware of.

Before I even left the six day clinic to go home, I already couldn't wait to come back for the advanced clinics! Thank you Bruce and the rest of the crew for the beginning of a wonderful learning experience!" *Michelle Miller, Missouri*

"I thought the Gateway Clinics were wonderful. The people in this organization are all friendly and knowledgeable. I also loved the fact that all the people I met truly love horses and they have picked this lifestyle because of their true desire to help horses. I will highly recommend the Gateway clinics, they are very informative and affordable!! I look forward to coming back for more training in the (I hope) near future !!!!!!" *Ida B. Crum, Ohio*

"hello bruce its wild bill again i am just amazed at the clinic man i came away with a whole new outlook on horses AMAZING the knowledge and expertise of the instructors and i felt like i was with family and friends and now proud to be part of liberated horsemanship best decision that i ever made !!!!! look forward to seeing u all again to finish certification good lord willing to also do my master certification love u guys keep up the excellent work." *Bill, AKA Wild Bill, Sharp, Sharp Hoof Care, Texas*

“Thanks again for the wonderful, and I mean wonderful, workshop in June. I am really loving this work and this organization. What a stellar group of brilliant minds, hands, and hearts all gathered in one place. Very impressive. The June workshop was time and money well spent, and then the field instructors, Richard and Louetta, went above and beyond in their instruction, mentoring, and support. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and dedication. I am looking forward to more learning and growing within the organization.” *Annie Bauer, Texas*

“I would just like to say thank you to everybody at Liberated Horsemanship. I had fun and it was a great learning experience. I have gained so much, and I know it will benefit every horse that I trim. The learning environment was so relaxed, and all the instructors were always more than happy to help and answer any questions. I felt as though I became a part of the Liberated Horsemanship extended family, and I am looking forward to coming back. It is clear that everybody at Liberated Horsemanship is working together to promote natural horse and hoof care practices. I would absolutely recommend the Gateway Clinics and Advanced Topics to anyone who is interested in learning more about natural horse and hoof care.” *Michelle Bevelock, Florida*

“I want to tell you what a joy the clinic was for me. I feel like I walked out of there a totally different person and with a ton of new knowledge to boot. My new horse had front shoes and I was apprehensive about pulling them and starting the transition myself. I was so comfortable after the clinic I pulled his shoes 3 days after I got home and he's transitioning wonderfully! Thank you so much for a wonderful wonderful class. I look forward to coming to many more. *Benjamyn Smith, Virginia*

“I am so thankful for the education I received at the Gateway clinic. I returned home on Wednesday. Thursday morning was my first customer and immediately applied the information I learned.

All of my customers saw improvements to my trimming, and I showed them how just millimeters make a difference in hoof balance.

I am looking forward to and making plans to continue with advanced classes in April.

I am so thankful for Liberated Horsemanship. It will be a life time affiliation for me.”

Lisa later wrote: “I just cannot say enough positive things about all I learned from Liberated Horsemanship. It truly has improved the way I trim horses, and the results have been astounding. All the hooves I trim have grown healthier and my business is better than ever. I'm looking forward to my final field assessment with Ann this year.” *Lisa Ross*

“Just wanted to thank each of you for a wonderful clinic. I am honored to have been part of the first Liberated Horsemanship Kick Start program. After trimming outside horses for the past 5 years using bits and pieces from various groups and their models I feel I now have a better direction and can focus on one model. I have attended many clinics over the years and have never been part of one that covered so much information and gave such clarity to so many little details that over the years I could see happening but didn't truly understand "why" they were happening. Now I can not only see but I now understand the consequences of each move I make and even better can explain things to my clients based on science and research along with my original instincts. The lectures really took my brain somewhere it's never been and left me pondering all sorts of new ideas. Thanks to each and every one of you and I look forward to earning my certification and being part of such an educated and overly helpful group of equine professionals!” *Paige Pittman*

“All of the instructors were very friendly and personable. You could ask any question and they would do their very best to help you better understand. I plan on returning to future clinics to continue to expand my knowledge.” *Danielle Dove*

“Thank you so much for putting this on. I had such a great time and I learned a lot! The people are phenomenal here. I couldn’t have chosen a better organization. A special thanks to Eddie Drabek for telling me about y’all.” *Dusty McCord*

"I can hardly believe the incredible amount of information and the hours of preparation it took to condense and distill the natural trim into a concise and thoroughly explained curriculum. Also, the hours of trimming with Ann and Cynthia were great. Ann and Cynthia's expertise were manifest and conveyed in a concise and easy to understand way, removing much of the mystery of how perfect balance is achieved and how the slightest deviation can make a difference in the travels of the horse. The dissections of the hoof and foot and inner working of the boney column from the cannon through the third phalanx were incredible. The others who were hoof care pros and farriers were helpful too. It was a great group of men and women who have but one focus, and that is the best way to create a perfect natural trim. And, I'll never forget Cynthia's dismount!" *Ben Ferrin*