

HorseSense Learning Levels
HORSESENSE CURRICULUM:

TEAL LEVEL

Teal Level is the most advanced Level in the HorseSense curriculum, designed for dedicated equestrians ready to deepen their understanding of all aspects of horsemanship.

This Level challenges students to make educated decisions and take on increased responsibility while demonstrating thorough knowledge of anatomy, training and horse care practices.

WHO IS TEAL LEVEL FOR?

-  Students who have **completed all previous HorseSense Levels.**
-  **Students and parents** who plan to own and care for horses independently, at home or in a self-care boarding facility.
-  **Anyone interested in working at a barn,** studying veterinary medicine or pursuing an equestrian career.
-  **Competitive equestrians** ready to expand their knowledge of equine fitness, course design and judging.
-  **Staff members, volunteers, working students,** or lessees who may be expected to make horse care decisions in your absence.
-  **Aspiring or apprentice instructors.**

WHAT DOES TEAL LEVEL TEACH?

-  **Progressive training techniques** used to start a horse under saddle along with **basic dressage principles.**
-  Safe, logical **course design.**
-  **Equine anatomy** including skeletomuscular structure and systems of the horse.
-  **The role of alternative therapies** in horse care and the responsible use of **equine medications.**
-  **Conditioning programs and conformation** related to various disciplines.
-  **Equine nutrition** and how to balance a horse's diet.
-  **Facility design principles** and the importance of equine disaster planning.

Teal Level is not the end of the journey, but the beginning.

Students with Teal Level knowledge will be well prepared to pursue equine higher learning or work in the horse industry. They should demonstrate initiative by actively seeking out knowledge, allowing them to manage their own horses ethically and effectively and pursue career or competitive goals.

Teal Level students can mentor and inspire younger students and often make excellent apprentice instructors - but while it includes a teaching objective, this Level is focused on general horsemanship and should not be considered an instructor's training course!

