*FT Instructor* – CKRH seeks a FT staff member to teach horsemanship, life skills and resiliency to middle and high school students in our on-site, full-time public school. Applicants should have experience in working with the special education students as well as with horses. PATH certification not required but recommended. Any questions and resumes can be directed to [instructors@ckrh.org](mailto:instructors@ckrh.org).

**Additional position information**

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) is a PATH Premier Accredited facility located in the heart of horse country. CKRH programming includes both mounted and unmounted therapeutic horsemanship, occupational therapy services utilizing hippotherapy, equine assisted learning and equine facilitated mental health services. CKRH provides much of this programming utilizing the model of community partnership to serve a variety of populations within the greater Lexington community. Some examples of our current partnerships include:

* F*ayette County Public Schools* – CKRH is home to a full-time, on-site middle and high school. The curriculum of the school includes all state mandated content, hands on coursework within the barn and equine behavior and husbandry.
* *Neurorestorative & Sayre Christian Village* - CKRH offers unmounted onsite equine programming for clients and residents of both programs as well as off-site services through our ‘Minis On The Move’ program.
* *Eastern Kentucky University Occupational Therapy & Occupational Science –* CKRH offers a clinical site for both level I and level II occupational therapy students as well as a hands on site for coursework within the “Horses, Humans and Health” minor program.
* *Easter Seals Cardinal Hill –* CKRH and Easter Seals partner to offer a full day summer camp for children with special physical, behavioral or emotional needs.
* *Kentucky National Guard –* Provides equine support for on-site special training programs.

**INSTRUCTOR SPECIFIC SKILLS REQUIRED**

* A working knowledge of teaching individuals with unique learning needs.
* A working knowledge of human disabilities.
* A working knowledge of the biomechanics and kinesiology of both the human and the horse
* An ability to design developmentally appropriate lessons that are physically, cognitively, socially and emotionally stimulating for in person and virtual learning
* An ability to professionally teach and work with therapy horses
* An ability to teach and implement natural horsemanship philosophies

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

The ideal applicant for this position will possess a bachelor’s or higher degree in psychology, education, equine science or similar with coursework in human development, psychology, equine behavior and basic therapeutic intervention techniques. Relevant training in other fields will be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants should have at least 5 years’ experience teaching equine lesson content, 2 years’ experience as a teacher, trainer or coach of people, ideally with individuals with special needs. General knowledge and experience with horse care. PATH CTRI or similar certification recommended but not required, however; This position requires PATH CTRI certification within 1st year of employment.

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

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| * Highly organized & detail oriented * Excellent written and oral communication skills * Strong leadership & teaching skills * Computer skills * Ability to work independently & as part of a team | * Self-motivated & able to manage time * Ability to lift ~60 lbs rarely & perform hard physical labor for a full workday * Must have a valid U.S. license and legally be employable in the state of Kentucky * Must be able to operate facility vehicles and equipment |

**SALARY AND BENEFITS**

CKRH offers a completive salary and benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience. Vacation, compensation time and sick time provided per employee handbook.