The U.S. equine industry is highly diverse, supporting a wide variety of activities in all regions of the country. This industry includes breeding, training, and maintaining horses, operating tracks, show and recreational facilities as well as numerous ancillary activities. Current estimates place 6.9 million horses in the United States involving 7.1 million Americans. These people serve the industry as owners/employers, service providers, employees and volunteers.

The equine industry has a substantial impact on the US economy as a whole. Over $2.5 billion are directly produced as goods and services annually. This relates to a total impact of $112.1 billion on the US Gross domestic Product. Further, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 1.4 million full-time equivalent equine-related jobs were created across the US.

The international market provides additional opportunities as the global economy expands. Many countries increase their consumption of animal products as their standard of living rises. Export markets are becoming increasingly important, not only for livestock producers but for agribusiness as well. Students with multiple language skills and international travel expediency coupled with a university education are in increasing demand.

When To Start Seeking Career Information?

Start early - even in high school. Those who prepare early put themselves in a position to command the highest demand in the marketplace. Employment statistics suggest that people will change jobs 6 to 8 times throughout their working life and thus the process of seeking and analyzing career information is a life-long task.

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Sample Job Titles of Graduates

Equine-Service
- Transportation
- Manure Removal
- Marketing Services
- Independent Photography
- Equine Sales
- Facilities
- Management
- Construction - barn, fencing, arenas
- Architecture - facility design, layout
- Event Management
- Boarding Facility Ownership/Management
- Horse Rescue/Retirement Facility
- Government
- Lawyer - water law, property laws,
- Accountant
- Jockey
- Lawyer - estate, property law,
- Graphic Artist
- Veterinarian
- Equine Sales
- Facilities
- Management
- Communication
- Marketing Specialist
- Business Development
- Event Coordinator
- Equestrian Specialist
- Guest Ranch Manager/Wrangler
- Sample careers for Equine Science majors

Your education is the key to your future, thus it is vital you select an equine program that keeps abreast of the equine industry. Colorado State University is the first land-grant university to offer a four-year degree in Equine Science. It has an unsurpassed undergraduate program recognized internationally for pioneering research in equine reproduction, lameness, and orthopedics. The Equine Teaching and Research Center (ETRC), an impressive facility, opened in the fall of 1987 and serves the University’s equine program.

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Keep in mind

Get involved early. Find what you're passionate about and seek out internships, jobs or volunteer work in that area. This is not only important for building your resume, but it is also an essential part of truly discovering what it is you really want to do.

Learn to communicate effectively. This is one of the most valuable assets you can bring to any employer. Even if you plan on owning your own business, your ability to speak and write effectively can make or break you.

Be versatile. Even if you know exactly what you want to do for the rest of your life, don’t be afraid to step out of that box. Being an expert in one area is a great asset, but it can also limit what you can do and where you can do it. Vary your experiences early on to widen your knowledge base. Be open to joining an organization you would have never considered or taking a class completely out of your comfort zone. Also, if at all possible, stay open to the idea of relocating. Often times you can overlook an outstanding job experience simply because of its location, and this could hurt you in the long run.

What are the Starting Salaries?
The starting salaries for graduates vary considerably and students are advised to keep in mind both the long-term opportunities for growth, benefits packages, and degree of job satisfaction when seeking employment. However, average starting salaries for graduates are:

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The internship program in the Department of Animal Sciences was initiated in 1971. This opportunity is targeted toward undergraduate students who have interest in gaining additional off-campus, hands-on experiences and to explore career possibilities. Up to six credit hours can be earned toward graduation requirements and 40 hours of work are required per credit.

Students are encouraged to make initial contact with the cooperator to make arrangements for the internship. Resources are readily available to assist in this process. Prior to enrolling in the course (ANEQ 487), a Memorandum of Agreement must be approved by the internship program coordinator.

Internships can be conducted any time of the year (i.e. during a semester, weekends, summer, holiday breaks).

A list of available internships can be found online at CareerRAM through the Career Center.

Importance of Experience

1. Communication Skills
2. Honesty/Integrity
3. Teamwork Skills
4. Interpersonal Skills
5. Motivation/Initiative
6. Strong Work Ethic
7. Analytical Skills
8. Flexibility/Adaptability
9. Computer Skills
10. Organizational Skills