

Equine Dental School



Equine Dental School of Texas

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History:

Wayne Needham began his Equine Dentistry career in the Spring of 2009 at the Texas Institute of Equine Dentistry. He was approached to start a program and teach classes at MesaLands Community College in Tucumcari New Mexico in the Fall of 2011. He maintained his personal practice of 1000 horses a year while instructing for four years at the college. He remained on staff for one more year as the rodeo program and the class sizes were too small to continue. Since that date, he has lectured and instructed at various clinics and conferences, teaching many aspiring students the science and the art of equine dentistry. In 2019, Wayne decided to start his own school, and EDST opened for classes in 2020. Today, he is still a practicing equine dental practitioner in Texas, and the manager and one of the instructors of the equine dental school Texas.

Approved and Regulated by the Texas Workforce Commission, Career Schools and Colleges, Austin, Texas.

This program is also approved by the International Association of Equine Dentistry which is one of the two certifying Associations for Licensing by the Texas Veterinary Board of Medical Examiners.

Facility and Equipment:

The teaching Facility includes a Classroom area with teaching aids such as Equine Skulls, Overhead Computer Projectors, Books and many more Teaching Aids for advanced learning. The Laboratory will include various Horse Barns for Wet Lab experience. The Wet Labs will be fully equipped with electrical outlets, fans, and overhead lighting. Each Stall is equipped with the tools necessary for the Equine Dentistry Professional.

Owners and Staff:

Owner/Director – Wayne Needham

Staff Designee – Crystal Garrett

Instructor – Wayne Needham

Dec. 1993 - WTAMU - Bachelor of Business Administration – Finance

Aug. 1999 - WTAMU - Master of Science – Kinesiology and Biomechanics

May 2009 – Texas Institute of Equine Dentistry – Graduate

Jan. 2011 – 2016 – Professor of Equine Dentistry – Mesalands Community College, Tucumcari, NM

Sept. 2013 - Member - International Association of Equine Dentistry

May 2014 – Present – International Association of Equine Dentistry Certification Committee.

Feb 2016 – Present – Board Member - International Association of Equine Dentistry

Feb 2018 – Present – Vice President - International Association of Equine Dentistry

***Veterinarian - There will be an attending Veterinarian on staff.**

Tuition and Fees:

Tuition –

1st Semester (10 Day period) - \$ 5,500

2nd Semester (10 Day period) - \$3,500

Wet Lab (5 Day Period) - \$500

3rd Semester (10 Day period) - \$2,500

TOTAL COST for the program - \$12,000

Books and Materials are included in the price. Tool Rental for the 2nd & 3rd Semester will be at \$500 per session, but will be provided for 1st Semester Students.

Scholarships and Grants will be accepted as applicable.

Admission Requirements:

Minimum Age = 18

High School Diploma or GED Required

Students attending other Formal Equine Dental Programs will be transferable to this Program and will be given credit for the hours previously attended. There are no Postsecondary Schools that will accept hours from this institution.

School Calendar:

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Class sessions are 10 Days. Enrollment begins the last day of the previous class session and ends 1 week prior to the first day of the new session.

Course Hours:

Class sessions will be 8am-5pm with a 1-hour Lunch break from 12pm-1pm and breaks from 10am-10:10am and 3pm-3:10pm.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES:

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund will be made to any student who cancels the enrollment contract within 72 hours (until midnight of the third day excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) after the enrollment contract is signed. A full refund will also be made to any student who cancels enrollment within the student's first three scheduled class days,

except that the school may retain not more than \$100 in any administrative fees charged, as well as items of extra expense that are necessary for the portion of the program attended and stated separately on the enrollment agreement.

REFUND POLICY

1. Refund computations will be based on scheduled course time of class attendance through the last date of attendance. Leaves of absence, suspensions and school holidays will not be counted as part of the scheduled class attendance.
2. The effective date of termination for refund purposes will be the earliest of the following:
 - (a) The last day of attendance, if the student is terminated by the school;
 - (b) The date of receipt of written notice from the student; or
 - (c) Ten school days following the last date of attendance.
3. If tuition and fees are collected in advance of entrance, and if after expiration of the 72 hour cancellation privilege the student does not enter school, not more than \$100 in any administrative fees charged shall be retained by the school for the entire residence program or synchronous distance education course.
4. If a student enters a residence or synchronous distance education program and withdraws or is otherwise terminated after the cancellation period, the school or college may retain not more than \$100 in any administrative fees charged for the entire program. The minimum refund of the remaining tuition and fees will be the pro rata portion of tuition, fees, and other charges that the number of hours remaining in the portion of the course or program for which the student has been charged after the effective date of termination bears to the total number of hours in the portion of the course or program for which the student has been charged, except that a student may not collect a refund if the student has completed 75 percent or more of the total number of hours in the portion of the program for which the student has been charged on the effective date of termination.
5. Refunds for items of extra expense to the student, such as books, tools, or other supplies are to be handled separately from refund of tuition and other academic fees. The student will not be required to purchase instructional supplies, books and tools until such time as these materials are required.
Once these materials are purchased, no refund will be made. For full refunds, the school can withhold costs for these types of items from the refund as long as they were necessary for the portion of the program attended and separately stated in the enrollment agreement. Any such items not required for the portion of the program attended must be included in the refund.
6. A student who withdraws for a reason unrelated to the student's academic status after the 75 percent completion mark and requests a grade at the time of withdrawal

shall be given a grade of “incomplete” and permitted to re-enroll in the course or program during the 12-month period following the date the student withdrew without payment of additional tuition for that portion of the course or program.

7. A full refund of all tuition and fees is due and refundable in each of the following cases:

- (a) An enrollee is not accepted by the school;
- (b) If the course of instruction is discontinued by the school and this prevents the student from completing the course; or
- (c) If the student's enrollment was procured as a result of any misrepresentation in advertising, promotional materials of the school, or representations by the owner or representatives of the school.

A full or partial refund may also be due in other circumstances of program deficiencies or violations of requirements for career schools and colleges.

REFUND POLICY FOR STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

8. A student of the school or college who withdraws from the school or college as a result of the student being called to active duty in a military service of the United States or the Texas National Guard may elect one of the following options for each program in which the student is enrolled:

- (a) If tuition and fees are collected in advance of the withdrawal, a pro rata refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges paid by the student for the program and a cancellation of any unpaid tuition, fees, or other charges owed by the student for the portion of the program the student does not complete following withdrawal;
- (b) A grade of incomplete with the designation "withdrawn-military" for the courses in the program, other than courses for which the student has previously received a grade on the student's transcript, and the right to re-enroll in the program, or a substantially equivalent program if that program is no longer available, not later than the first anniversary of the date the student is discharged from active military duty without payment of additional tuition, fees, or other charges for the program other than any previously unpaid balance of the original tuition, fees, and charges for books for the program; or
- (c) The assignment of an appropriate final grade or credit for the courses in the

program, but only if the instructor or instructors of the program determine that the student has:

- (1) satisfactorily completed at least 90 percent of the required coursework for the program; and
- (2) demonstrated sufficient mastery of the program material to receive credit for completing the program.

9. The payment of refunds will be totally completed such that the refund instrument has been negotiated or credited into the proper account(s), within 60 days after the effective date of termination.

Course of Instruction:

Equine Dental Training Program

Students will learn the skills required to not only Float the Buccal and lingual aspects of the Equine's Dentition, but also correct the malocclusions associated with the Equine's Dentition in a captured environment. A certain level of Horsemanship is required, and will also be instructed, in order to perform these manipulations. Graduating students can expect to seek job offers in the Veterinarian Technician field specializing in Equine Dentistry, job offers from Equine Dental Professionals as an Equine Dental Assistant, as well as building a business as a self-employed practitioner seeking a license from the Texas Veterinary Board of Medical Examiners. This license will be attainable following the Final Semester of this program for qualified candidates.

280 Course Hours (Contact Hours)

10 Days

Course Outline

Sub #	Subject Title	Lecture	Lab	Extern.	Totals
ED 101	Beginning Equine Dentistry	20	60	0	80
ED 201	Intermediate Equine Dentistry	20	60	0	80
ED 250	Equine Dentistry Wet Lab	0	40	0	40
ED 301	Advanced Equine Dentistry	20	60	0	80
	TOTAL HOURS	60	220	0	280

Before completion of the course, a student must be able to complete an equine dental procedure from start to finish without assistance in a satisfactory time (under 1 hour), with satisfactory results (Success Rate of 80%). Upon completion of the course, a student will receive a Certificate of Completion from the “Equine Dental School of Texas” as being a capable practitioner, and will then be eligible for testing for State Licensing.

ED 101 – Beginning Equine Dentistry –

The prerequisites for this class are Basic Horsemanship Skills and Basic knowledge of the Equine. Students will learn the basic anatomy of the Head, Neck, and Dentition of the Equine, learn the procedures used in correcting problems associated with the equine dentition, and will gain hands on experience in correcting those problems.

ED 201 – Intermediate Equine Dentistry –

The prerequisites for this class are ED101 or a similar course and practical experience in the field as a beginning Equine Dental Practitioner performing 25-50 procedures.

ED 250 – Equine Dentistry Wet Lab –

The prerequisite for this class is ED 201.

ED 301 – Advanced Equine Dentistry –

The prerequisites for this class is ED101, ED201 & ED250. Students must represent the skill level and proficiency in ED250 to pass the program, in order to be eligible for ED301

Quizzes will be given each day as well as a Comprehensive Final at the end of each Session. A 70% Success Rate will be required for passing ED101 & ED201 and an 85% Success Rate on ED301. Student will be evaluated on 5 horses to determine eligibility for State Examination.

Grading System:

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade (if used)
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F
Incomplete	I
Withdrawal	W

Satisfactory Progress and Academic Probation:

Progress will be monitored daily and any progress is viewed as a positive. Slower progressing students will be required to remain in ED250 (Wet Lab) in order to improve proficiency to the level of workmanship necessary for state certification.

Verbal Progress Reports will be given daily as well as a full evaluation following the 10 Day Semester.

A student will be placed on Academic Probation if his/her Grade following each Semester is below 70% or performs unsatisfactory work in the practical labs. The student will be required to seek tutoring and/or mentoring.

Students who fail to meet acceptable academic progress will be offered special tutoring and mentoring until acceptable progress is attained, or until suspension of the student due to a score less than 70% on consecutive comprehensive exams at the end of each semester.

If terminated for unsatisfactory progress, a student may not be readmitted until one grading period has passed.

A student who is obligated for the full tuition may request a grade of "incomplete" if the student withdraws for an appropriate reason unrelated to the student's academic status. The student may receive a grade of incomplete and will be

allowed to reenroll in the program during the 12-month period following the date the student withdraws and complete those incomplete subjects without payment of additional tuition.

Attendance Policy:

100% attendance is the goal, although not always achievable. Excused absences are acceptable; makeup work will be accepted when applicable. Because each semester is only 10 days, unexcused absences are unacceptable and will fall under the probation or termination policies. Tardiness is viewed in the same manner as absences and multiple occurrences will also fall under the same probation or termination policies.

With this school Format, 1 absents equals 8 hours of missed education of an 80 hour session. One unexcused absence will result in a probationary period with makeup work and individual tutoring.

A second unexcused absence of a full 8 hour day of a 10 day session will result in termination for that session. The student will not be able to return to class until the next grading period.

Student Conduct:

Students are prohibited from any conduct that will adversely affect the education process. Disrupting class, the use of profanity or obscenities, theft or damage to school property, drugs or alcohol on school premises, smoking on premises are examples of conduct that are not prohibited and will be dealt with accordingly.

Termination for violating the schools Conduct Policy will be evaluated by staff and sanctions will be administered according to the severity of the infraction.

Readmission for termination from violating the Conduct Policy will not be before 1 Calendar Year from the Occurrence and will be evaluated by the current staff.

Graduation Requirements:

A passing grade on the written exams for the first two semesters is a 70% success rate and 85% success rate on the 3rd semester exam. Also on the final semester, a practical exam will be given on 5 horses to determine the preparedness and eligibility of the student for State Certification test.

Students will be allowed 2 years from the beginning of the course in order to complete the program.

Students who completed all course requirements and financial responsibilities to the school will graduate the program and receive a Certificate of Completion.

Student Placement:

The main source of placement will be Self Employment utilizing the Network of Horses that are accessible to the Student or Graduate. Employment Opportunities as a Veterinary Technician specializing in Equine Dentistry can be sought, there are also positions available for Equine Dental Assistants of practicing Equine Dental Practitioners.

Equine Dental School of Texas will do everything possible to assist their students in finding a job; however, this does not guarantee employment.

For student grievances, please contact:

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Career Schools and Colleges, Room 226T
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<http://csc.twc.state.tx.us/>

I hereby certify that the statements and information in this catalog are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Wayne Needham, Owner

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