

Graduate Diploma in Equine Locomotor Research

Collaborative Report

Exam board meeting: 29-May-2020

Graduate Diploma in Equine Locomotor Research, 2019/20

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Collaborating examiner(s): Dr Sarah Taylor

The Programme

Please comment, as appropriate, on the following aspects of the programme:

1.1 Course content

Course content for both cohorts reviewed was consummate with expectations for the programme. Components cover teaching & learning methods, literature review, case reporting reflection, study design and research fundamentals. As previous the content encourages participating Farriers to consider both existing research (to inform understanding of evidence-based practice) and contributio556.8 Tm0 g0 G[ba)4(sed)4(pr)-2(a)a5(ch)-3()l

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Student performance

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

2.1 Students' performance in relation to those at a similar stage on comparable courses in other institutions, where this is known to you

To comment on this, one needs to be mindful that this is a vocational programme. Its obvious strength is inclusivity, commendably offering access to education and scholarly pursuit to individuals who (while expert in the practical setting) may have been out of formal education for some time, or indeed not previously had access to this type of research activity. For me (CW) this has great appeal, and I have been impressed during both years of appointment by the endeavour, commitment and quality output of this group. The learning curve for some is likely steeper than for others, but overall the performance level i

Action assigned to:

2.3

3.4 Standard of marking

3.7 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the procedures

Procedures worked well, and set a model for future remote conduct should lockdown endure. The plagiarism point was interesting, and I thank the tutor and support team for the timely advance response to that query (CW).

4.1 Comments I have made in previous years have been addressed to my satisfaction

4.5 I attended the meeting of the Board of Examiners held to approve the results of the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.6 Candidates were considered impartially and fairly

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

RVC provides a very learner-focused experience.

4.7 The standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject

N/A

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

No concerns.

4.11 Appropriate procedures and processes have been followed

Yes

