



Testimonials from participants on the 2013 cycle

“The post graduate course in equine sports medicine at UCD has been a very positive experience for me: the subject material is very pertinent to vets engaged in equine practice with a racing or competition horse bias. The topics covered offer a refresher on what one learnt at college, in particular, the exercise physiology and adaptation to training modules but more importantly there is a contemporary edge with a focus on new techniques and developments within the fields of equine medicine and surgery, human medicine and biological science. I hope that it proves to be a useful stepping stone to further professional development and academic achievement. The staff at UCD have been very approachable and enthusiastic and the on-campus veterinary teaching hospital is very impressive. The combination of e-learning and the practical workshop help to blend the academic and practical aspects of sports medicine. The fact that the certificate course can be completed in a 12 month period is a boon.”

Robert Walsh MVB MRCVS, Senior Partner Corner House Equine Clinic, Warwickshire, UK

“I wanted to undertake this programme to get as up to date as possible using a structured, quality and relevant educational programme. I was appointed Senior Veterinary Surgeon at the Turf Club in 2011. In this job I am constantly asked about poor performance and I feel it is best practice to be in a position to advise what is likely to be required. This course has also helped me in my practice work.

This course has made me consider the broader picture, i.e. that the problem may be multifactorial in many cases. I specifically improved in the areas of lameness evaluation and diagnosis and the changing picture that modern technology brings to clinical practice. It has given me information which in some cases has altered (or indeed confirmed) long held theories and has made me rethink prognosis in some cases.

I would recommend the programme to vets coming to realise that their future lies in the world of equine practice and wish to develop their skills in that direction. Those who are rather longer qualified will benefit from all aspects of the programme.

This is an informative, up to date, distance learning programme given by knowledgeable, friendly, helpful people who are easily contactable and want to assist any enquiry. The course keeps the student challenged all the way through, this was good for me because if there was no dead-line I would be putting off whatever needed to be done until later, and I found that the way the course was structured really did not allow me to do that. There is more I could add, but I will just say Thank You to all concerned.”

Terry Smith, BVM, MRCVS, Senior Practice Partner, Tullyraine Equine Clinic and Senior Turf Club Veterinarian, Co.Down, Northern Ireland