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## LH Hoof Care Training For Mounted Professionals

This certification program is specially designed to train and support members of professional mounted units, mounted police in particular, but it is also appropriate for park, conservation, search and rescue units and such. It is based on the successful transition of the *Houston Police Mounted Detail* to barefoot horses and the *LH Natural Hoof Care* certification program for professionals.

**Senior Houston Police Officers Scott Berry and Danny Pryor spearhead this program through active hands-on instruction, consultation, guidance and support.** Officers Berry and Pryor were instrumental in transitioning the *Houston Mounted Police Detail* to barefoot horses. The Detail has experienced a number of significant benefits as a result, including a marked decrease in farrier and veterinarian costs, and hoof pathologies, and improved horse attitude and behavior. Seven members of the Houston Mounted Detail have participated in our training program. Read More in Officer Berry's article [Barefoot Police Horses: How the Houston Police Department Became a Barefoot Herd of Hard Working Horses](#).

**Please Note: Although seven members of The Houston Mounted Police Detail have attended our Gateway Clinic, in some cases multiple times, the Houston Police Department itself does not officially support or endorse our training and certification program. Officers Berry and Pryor's participate in the program as independent contractors for Liberated Horsemanship.**

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# Program Outline

## The Gateway Clinic

The Gateway Clinic (GC; described below) is where the journey starts. Participants receive five days of intense training that forms a firm foundation for successful hoof care. The GC is held once a year in the US with arrangements that make it easy and attractive for people from outside the US to attend. In recent years we have also held a GC once a year in Great Britain or Europe. 2019 Fee: US \$1,975. The fee for clinics outside the US may vary with conversion rates and other factors but are similar to the US fee. Participants will be sufficiently skilled to start trimming the horses in their unit upon completion of the Gateway Clinic.

## Field Instruction

Field instruction provides practical information about hoof trimming, cooperative horse handling, tool use and maintenance, and healthy body mechanics.

Participants are required to spend two days of field instruction with Officers Scott Berry and Danny Pryor. Scott and Danny will also be available for questions and discussions during all other phases of the training.

Two additional field practicums are required but participants should do as many as needed to prepare for a successful Final Assessment. 2019 fee per day: US \$175. The fee for FI outside the US may vary with conversion rates and other factors but is similar to the US fee.

## The Final Assessment

The Final Assessment (FA) is a one day, “on-site” evaluation. Your work with your client’s horses is evaluated by the Director of our Barefoot Initiative, Ann Corse, or another designated instructor. **All FAs are arranged through Bruce.** 2019 Fee: US \$575 plus instructor transportation and motel costs; The FA fee for outside the US may vary with conversion rates and other factors but is similar to the US fee.

## Certification

Participants who pass the Final Assessment receive a Certificate of Accomplishment stating they have successfully completed the Liberated Horsemanship training program for hoof care professionals. Graduates receive the designation Certified Hoof Care Professional (CHCP) and are listed on the Liberated Horsemanship website as a courtesy of recognition and to help promote their hoof care business, if they chose to start one. There is no associated fee.