

Saddle Up! Therapy Horse Requirements

To be accepted on a 90 day trial period the horse must be:

- Between the ages of seven and twenty.
- No less than 12 hands high (48 inches) and no more than 16.2 hands high (66 inches).
- Sound with no physical limitations.
- Forgiving of inexperienced and/or unbalanced riders.
- Obedient to both voice and leg signals.
- Quiet and well-mannered on the ground.
- Accepting of assistive devices and equipment.
- Comfortable with a variety of handlers and experiences.
- If above fourteen hands, able to walk, trot (or second gait), and canter, with smooth transitions between each.
- If above fourteen hands, must have a minimum of one year riding experience.
- If below fourteen hands, able to walk and trot (or second gait), with smooth transitions between each.
- Fill current needs of the program, as decided by the Equine Management Team.

To be accepted in the program the following requirements must be met:

- Veterinary exam of the horse must present no longstanding concerns.
- Pass 80% of instructor evaluations, with a minimum of six evaluations done, within the first 90 days. (Barring any health concerns or unforeseen circumstances.)
- Pass 80% of Equine Management Team Evaluations within the first ninety days. (Barring any health concerns or unforeseen circumstances.)