

Faculty

Ruth Dismuke-Blakely, MS, CCC-SLP, HPCS

Ruth is a speech/language pathologist and professional horsewoman involved in using hippotherapy since 1978. She operates Skyline Therapy Services; an outpatient clinic specializing in the trans disciplinary applications of equine movement in PT, OT and ST. Ruth has published research and articles, presented at numerous conferences and workshops and has taught internationally. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Hippotherapy Association, was President of AHA, helped develop the AHA curriculum and currently serves as Chair of the Reimbursement Committee. She is a former AHCB Board member, is an AHCB Clinical Specialist and she is regarded as a leader in the field of hippotherapy as a treatment tool. Ruth is a former AHA Therapist of the Year. She lives in Edgewood, New Mexico. **Speaker Disclosure: Financial: Ruth Dismuke Blakely is an independent contractor for the AHA, Inc. and receives a fee from AHA, Inc. for this program. Non-Financial: Ruth Dismuke-Blakely is a member of the AHA, Inc.**

Joann Benjamin, PT, HPCS

Joann has been practicing Physical Therapy for more than 30 years, specializing in the use of Hippotherapy for children and adults. She has a background in neuro rehab, and currently specializes in pediatrics/early intervention, working in the Los Angeles area. She has taught about Hippotherapy internationally as a Faculty Coordinator with the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA, Inc). She is Board Certified as a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist. She served on the board for the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. and the American Hippotherapy Certification Board (AHCB). She was a recipient of the AHA Therapist of the Year in 2017. She serves on the Adaptive Sports Committee with the USEF, and is a Para-Equestrian Classifier for the USEF and the FEI for competitive dressage, driving and reining for athletes with disabilities **Speaker Disclosure: Financial: Joann Benjamin is an independent contractor for the AHA, Inc. and receives a fee from AHA, Inc. for this program. Non-Financial: Joann Benjamin is a member of the AHA, Inc.**

Course Location

Skyline Therapy Services
1090 Mountain Valley Rd.
Edgewood, NM 87015



Travel Information

Nearest Airport: . Flights are in and out of Albuquerque International Airport in Albuquerque, NM. We are about 45 minutes from the airport. Maps to Skyline Therapy will be provided to each registrant.

Lodging Information

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express 10330 Hotel Circle NE
Albuquerque, NM (505) 275-8900 (approx... 20 minutes from Skyline)

Comfort Inn and Suites

8 Marietta Ct, Edgewood, NM 87015
Phone: (505) 281-7000



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A Certificate of Attendance will be provided. Contact hours are 27 hours. Courses are not pre-

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Registration Information.

All attendees will receive a hard copy of the AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles Manual - Part II. The course fee also includes lunch. During the course you will be on and/or working directly with horses. Please have appropriate clothing/ footwear. Helmets will be provided. If your weight exceeds 180 lbs., you may be excused from any mounted portion of the course. Indicate any special needs on the registration form (i.e. food allergies) and by contacting the AHA, Inc. office prior to submitting your registration form.

Cancellation Policies: AHA, Inc. reserves the right to adjust course dates, times and faculty to accommodate unforeseen including cancellation of the course due to insufficient registration up to 3 weeks prior to the scheduled start date. Notification will only be made to advanced registrants. Neither AHA, Inc. nor the course location is responsible for any expenses incurred by registrants due to such adjustments.

Participant cancellation requests must be made in writing no less than 3 weeks prior to the course start date to receive a refund, minus a \$100 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received within three weeks prior to the start of the course.

This course may be attended by licensed Speech-Language, Physical and Occupational therapists and therapy assistants (PTA, OTA, SLPA). There is no participant substitutions due to the pre-requisite requirement.

The curriculum may be utilized only under conditions set forth by AHA, Inc.



American Hippotherapy Association
Inc.

Presents

Part II – Hippotherapy Treatment Principles

Course Location/Dates:

Skyline Therapy
Services

June 3-6, 2020



Please email or mail registration information to AHA Inc.
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2537 Research Blvd. Suite 203
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Course Description

This curriculum is the follow up to AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles– Part I, with an emphasis on patient treatment and more advanced equine knowledge necessary for hippotherapy as an equine discipline. Lecture, discussion, collaborative work and actual patient treatment occur over 4 days.

Subjects include: recognizing desirable conformation, soundness, and movement qualities of the therapy horse; training, conditioning and monitoring of the therapy horse; understanding optimization of the therapy horse for a patient treatment; with emphasis on safety principles. Students will learn to identify and convey to the horse handler the necessary skills required to produce quality movement in the hippotherapy horse in patient treatment and understand the need to educate and train staff and/or volunteers who will be working with the therapy horse.

This curriculum is designed to provide and facilitate a problem solving treatment approach, using actual patients currently involved in hippotherapy as part of their physical, occupational or speech therapy treatment plan. Practical applications of the AHA Conceptual Framework, including Dynamic Systems and Motor Learning Principles will be facilitated.

Treatments will be videotaped and reviewed with discussion and instructor feedback to analyze and further advance the learning experience. Content will include information necessary to successfully incorporating equine movement as a treatment tool into therapy practice. The learning outcomes will be assessed during participation in active learning activities, learner demonstration of skills during practicums, and class discussions and small group work.

Course Schedule

Day 1	
8:00	Introduction
8:30	Horse Movement/Patient Response
9:00	Hippotherapy Conceptual Framework
10:00	Break
10:15	Analysis of the Therapy Horse
11:15	Effects of Good Horse Handling.
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Halter Leading Practicum
1:30	Equipment Options in Leading
2:15	Break
2:30	Safety Rules and Side Walking Protocols.
3:15	Matching Horse to Patient
3:45	Review Patient Videos/Descriptions
4:30	Equipment Options
5:15	Wrap up
Day 2	
8:30	Questions/Review
9:30	Dynamic Assessment
10:00	Break
10:15	Demo of Lunging/Long Lining
10:45	Long Lining Practicum-Horseless
11:15	Develop Treatment Plans
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Patients 1,2,3 Observation practicum (non-treating therapists)
2:15	Break
2:30	Patients 4,5,6 Observation practicum (non-treating therapists)
4:00	Video review
5:30	Wrap up
Day 3	
8:30	Questions/Review
8:45	Long Lining Practicum
10:00	Long Lining/Leading –Evaluation Practicum
10:45	Break
11:00	Horse Training and Performance
11:45	Meet to modify treatment plans
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Patients 1,2,3 Documentation (non-treating therapist)
2:15	Break
2:30	Patients 4,5 Documentation (non-treating therapists)
3:45	Discussion/Review of Videos
5:15	Wrap up

Day 4

8:30	Questions/Review
8:45	Billing/Coding/Business issues
10:00	Break
10:15	Standards of Practice and AHCB Certifications
11:15	Lunch
11:45	Evidence Based Practice/Research,
12:15	AHA Resources
1:00	Review Objectives
1:45	Course Evaluations
2:15	End

Learning Outcomes

AT CONCLUSION OF COURSE, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

Explain the application of five tenets of the Hippotherapy Conceptual Framework when developing a treatment plan that incorporates equine movement and assessing treatment results towards functional outcomes.

Identify and explain the rationale for five components of treatment planning, implementation and modification with the use of hippotherapy/skilled equine movement in a realistic treatment scenario.

Describe three examples of effective use of skilled equine movement to address identified patient impairments during participation in therapy session practicums.

Describe two treatment criteria to establish when hippotherapy/skilled equine movement is no longer the most effective treatment tool/strategy to achieve established patient goals.

List and describe five components of the AHA, Inc. Best Practice Guidelines that can guide clinical practice when hippotherapy/skilled equine movement is incorporated into the Plan of Care.

Identify the professional relationships between AHA, Inc. and its educational offerings, PATH Intl., and the AHCB by giving 3 examples of how these relationships impact Best Practice when incorporating hippotherapy as a treatment tool into a therapy plan of care.

Registration Form – Part II 6/3/2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*AHA, Inc. Member #: _____

New memberships are accepted.

Join today at www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org.

Credentials to be listed on course certificate:

Height _____ Weight _____

Special needs, mobility restrictions, diet, etc.

Please notify the AHA, Inc. office prior to completing this registration of your special needs.

Registration is limited.

Early registration on or before May 13, 2020

_____ \$950.00 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$1,050.00 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

After May 13, 2020

_____ \$1,050.00 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$1,150 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

___ Check - payable to AHA Inc.

___ Charge MC VISA AM EX

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

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Billing zip code _____