



PATH Intl. Position Statement on International Engagement

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is an industry leader devoted to safety, education and credentialing in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT). The association acknowledges and values an increase in frequency of expressions of interest in PATH Intl. programs from individuals and organization representatives outside the USA.

Association leaders recognize the appeal of expanding and customizing PATH Intl. education, standards and certifications to address the prospect of deliberate international expansion; however the current strategic plan allocates available resources to other prioritized initiatives. If the concept of global expansion does rise to the top of proprieties in a future strategic plan, this position will shift to reflect the new goals.

In alignment with the PATH Intl. mission and vision to promote safety and optimal outcomes in EAAT for individuals with special needs, as well as to act as a resource and advocate for EAAT and the equines in this current work, **it is the official position of PATH Intl. to:**

- Continue to strategically partner with and have a presence within international organizations, including representing PATH Intl. by speaking and presenting at events to collaborate for the betterment of the human-animal interaction (HAI) and equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) industries.
- Continue to offer individual membership, center membership, education, certification and accreditation in the manner they are currently offered and to assess each outside-the-USA inquiry on a case-by-case basis
- Continue to welcome individual and center members and promote the value of individuals and organizations conducting themselves under the guidance of PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation

The association will not in the near future:

- Translate the *PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation*. The official language for this and other official PATH Intl. publications will remain English.
- Engage in membership acquisition or development campaigns for individual or center members outside the USA
- Offer consistent, widespread workshops or other face-to-face education outside the USA