

9. Please describe the nature of your work at the PATH Intl. center or describe your career plan after completing your EAAT coursework.

As the founder, Director and Lead Instructor of this 6 year old nonprofit, I wear many hats. Center for Adaptive Riding currently teaches mounted horsemanship and riding to children and adults with cognitive and physical challenges. We are offering our first season of Interactive Vaulting, and continue to work with the local Veterans Administration to provide riding for disabled veterans. Additionally, we have a very dedicated group of volunteers. I teach the 10+ mandatory volunteer training, and work with our Equine Specialist for Extended Volunteer Trainings. These we conduct 1 day a week to train, exercise, groom and massage our program horses. From working with the Board of Directors to discover opportunities for learning modern marketing, funding and business trends to developing teaching techniques so that each individual rider's needs and goals are met these are all in a day's work for me!

10. What are your goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?

Collaborative work is currently underway with 2-3 other local EAAT organizations which will provide our community with more comprehensive programs. One of the other programs, also a PATH center, currently incorporates groundwork and Equine Assisted Learning techniques. Another works with young people from foster homes, teaching them Parelli 7-Games. Keeping informed of current trends in the field of EAAT, marketing, grant writing, and expanding the visions of these organizations as we continue to collaborate to combine our expertise to better serve Northern Nevada. In addition, I am supporting the Region 11 Conference which will be in Nevada this coming June, by providing waters, snacks and hospitality bags with goodies for Conference attendees. Having successful EAAT programs in our community that serve deserving populations is my ultimate goal.

11. How do you think attending the PATH Intl. National Conference and Annual Meeting will help you in your work and goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?

I promise to attend workshops, listen and learn..... and then return to Northern Nevada to use what I have learned so that I can inform others of the values, mission, standards and guidelines of PATH International.