

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

I have spent the last six years working at Tarleton Equine Assisted Therapy (TREAT) in Stephenville, TX while in college working on my Bachelors and Masters degree. Once I graduated with my Masters this past fall I took a job at the Waco Center for Youth as their Horse Program Director. The Waco Center for Youth is a residential treatment center for adolescents ages 13-17 with emotional difficulties and/or behavioral problems. I very recently received my Registered Instructor Certification and one day hope to have our center accredited through PATH Int'l. At the moment we are completely rebuilding the horse program here. This involves nearly everything that has to do with the program including rewriting policies to allow us to shift the direction in which we want the program to go, building a new arena fence and switching over from borrowing horses to purchasing our own to be used exclusively in the program.

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

I just finished my Registered Instructor Certification, which has been a goal of mine for a long time. In addition to that I would like to continue educating myself in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies and keep building the program here at the Waco Center for Youth. Now that I have my instructor certification I hope to get everything more organized at our center and running smoothly, then begin the process to have our program accredited through PATH Int'l.

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 think attending the PATH Int'l National Conference and Annual Meeting will allow me to network with other instructors and program directors from which I can gather ideas to assist me in better restructuring our program during our time of rebuilding. Also I look forward to the educational benefits to be gained while attending sessions at conference. During my time at TREAT I was able to go to the conference when it was held in Ft. Worth in 2009 and felt like I gained a lot from the sessions I was able to attend as well as the experience as a whole.