

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 just recently graduated from college and have now started working full-time as development director and riding instructor for my center. I am responsible for keeping our horses fit and ready for lessons, planning lessons and teaching 30-35 students a week. As development director I am responsible for working with our events committee on all of our events, program outreach, maintaining current donors/ sponsors and generating new ones.

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

I majored in therapeutic recreation in college, and one of my goals is to work towards more overlap between therapeutic recreation associations and the EAAT field. I would also like to work towards having Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS's) become more recognized members of the EAAT field and encourage CTRS's to become involved with PATH Intl. Another goal of mine is to become a certified PATH Intl. Advanced instructor. Becoming an Advanced instructor would allow me to increase my skills and knowledge of EAAT and take my teaching to the next level.

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?

Attending the PATH Intl. National Conference will allow me to network with more individuals in the EAAT field who are interested in an interdisciplinary approach. I have not been a member of PATH Intl. for very long, so I have not yet had many opportunities to meet other professionals and network within the organization. I also feel that it would truly be beneficial to my continuing education as an instructor and in my position as development director to attend the presentations at the conference.