



## **PATH INTERNATIONAL Higher Education Membership Membership Requirements**

**All PATH Intl. Higher Education Members must meet the following requirements:**

1. Faculty should include professionals from a variety of fields whose current credentials address the components of therapeutic riding.

Example:

- Education
- Equine Science/Study
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Special Education
- Psychology

Institutions wanting students to meet the PATH Intl. education requirements for certification and/or offer PATH Intl. Certifications must also meet the following requirements:

1. The higher education members' curriculum should cover and support compliance with PATH Intl. Instructor Certification criteria, including teaching, horsemanship and knowledge of disabilities.
2. The institution will partner with either an offsite facility or have a facility onsite that meets the center requirements.
3. A PATH Intl. Higher Education Certification Criteria Packet must be submitted annually.
4. All institutions and centers must ensure that their students are in compliance with the following requirements by the conclusion of the course:
  - Please visit our web-site at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) and click on "PATH Intl. Certified Instructors" then on "Riding" then download the registered or advanced instructor certification booklet.
5. All PATH Intl. Higher Education Members wishing to offer PATH Intl. Certification must complete procedures for hosting an instructor certification. Please go to [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) click on "PATH Intl. centers" then click on "PATH Intl. Higher Education Certification Intent to Host Packet" Secure necessary information (i.e. registered and advanced certification booklets, membership forms, workbook, etc) from the PATH Intl. office well in advance.



## **PATH INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP**

### **Membership Benefits for Institution**

Dues: \$400

- Logo and school information posted on the PATH Intl. website (provided by institution)
- Discounted registration for students and faculty of the PATH Intl. Higher Education Member to the PATH Intl. Conferences (regional and international)
- Free access to PATH Intl. online educational opportunities for faculty/students (Center Accreditation Training, Standards and Instructor Self-Study plus the Industry Overview)
- Discounts on PATH Intl. webinars and videos for faculty/students
- Opportunity to integrate other PATH Intl. trainings for students
- Teaching material (PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation, Instructor Education Guide, On Site Workshop and Certification Notebook and teaching notes, teaching videos & PowerPoint) for faculty
- Certification opportunities at a discounted rate
- Certification application fee for students
- PATH Intl. Strides magazine
- Accreditation application fee waived once every five years for PATH Intl. Member Center partnering with higher education member
- Discount on center membership for centers on the institution's property
- Discount on individual membership for students
- Discounts on certification materials for students

### **Student Membership Information**

Dues: \$45

1. Student memberships will be active throughout the institution's membership as long as student meets the institution/center requirements and is in good academic standing.
2. The student membership status converts to instructor membership status once the student has successfully completed PATH Intl. certification. With the student's first renewal as an instructor, all instructor rates and renewal requirements apply.
3. Students at a PATH Intl. Higher Education Member institute can join as an individual member at a student rate for as long as they are a student at that institute.
4. All individual member benefits apply to the student membership.

### **Center Membership Information**

Dues: \$300

1. Institutions that are PATH Intl. Higher Education Members and have an equine-assisted activity and therapies program on the institution's property and the program is part of the EAAT educational course can obtain membership for the center at a discounted membership rate.
2. Centers that partner with a higher education institute but are not on the institute's property do not qualify for this membership rate.
3. Yearly accreditation fees are not included in the membership rate and are due at the time of center renewal.
4. All center member benefits apply.
5. Center memberships are good for one calendar year and run from January 1- December 31. Centers that join mid-year will receive prorated dues and renew at the full membership rate.



# PATH INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## Name of Institution:

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have included our faculty list with this application (needed for faculty to receive benefits).
- Our institution will be providing education to meet PATH Intl. certification requirements and the center we are partnering with meets the center requirements.
- Our institution will be offering PATH Intl. certification as part of its curriculum and the center we are partnering with meets the center requirements.
- I understand that in order to meet the education and certification requirements I will need to complete the PATH Intl. Higher Education Criteria Packet and
  - Have included it with the application
  - Will mail it in separately

## **Premier Accredited Center**

**Affiliate:** \_\_\_\_\_  
PATH Intl. Center Member number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, St Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Advanced Instructor at Center: \_\_\_\_\_

- The PAC listed is on institution property and qualifies for the center membership discount.
- The institution partners with more than one PAC and I have included their information.

## **Information for PATH Intl. Website**

Description of courses offered: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I will email a university logo for the PATH Intl. website to [kprovince@pathintl.org](mailto:kprovince@pathintl.org).

Email address for PATH Intl. website: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Additional Information**

How many students are enrolled in the EAAT program? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long is your program? (e.g. 1 yr., a semester) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Payment Method:**

- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
  - Credit Card: Visa MC AMEX Discover  
Card number \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
CCV# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on card \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **PATH Intl. Higher Education Member Questionnaire**

(Return with Higher Education Membership Application)

1. How many students are enrolled in your program for this academic year?
  - a. How many new students? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many returning students? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How long is your program? (semester, year, two years, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Do you require business/non-profit management courses as part of your degree program?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. If you are offering PATH Intl. Certification or the education to meet PATH Intl. Certification, how many departments do you work with to meet the certification criteria? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Please list the departments:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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### **Center Requirements for Partnering with a Higher Education Member**

1. The center will have one year from date of membership to obtain premier accredited status.
2. The center must maintain premier accredited center status and PATH Intl. Center Membership with all practicum sessions conducted on site at that center. The center must be in compliance with the current PATH Intl. *Standards for Accreditation and Certification*.

Exception: Recognizing that exceptions may be necessary to the institutional member either being or collaborating with a PATH Intl. member center (criteria #1), a request to present PATH Intl. educational content and/or host PATH Intl. certifications may be submitted to the PATH Intl. office by current or potential institutional members. The senior programs staff person will review with chair of appropriate committee and make recommendation to the CEO. The committee chair and senior programs staff person will assess the need for a site visit by a PATH Intl. Accreditation Site Visitor to determine if the facility meets appropriate PATH Intl. standards. If needed, the expenses of the pre-event visit will be borne by the institutional member. CEO will make the final decision with the input outlined as to whether to host event at any site that is not a PATH Intl. Member Center.
3. The practicum supervising instructor must be a PATH Intl. Master or Advanced Instructor. This supervising instructor will supervise the education and evaluation of all instructor candidates throughout the course. The supervising instructors will have one year from date of membership to obtain an advanced certification. It is highly recommended that the supervising instructor be a PATH Intl. Evaluator or consult with a PATH Intl. Evaluator in the evaluation of instructor candidates.
4. It is highly recommended that the supervising instructor attend the PATH Intl. Mentor Training Course.
5. All PATH Intl. classroom course material must be presented by a PATH Intl. Advanced or Master Instructor. The instructor will have one year from the date of membership to obtain advanced status.
6. The center must be able to provide a sufficient number of participants for each instructor candidate to complete the required number of hours of practice teaching with an emphasis on group instruction. Riders must be representative of each of the following categories:
  - Able-Bodied
  - Cognitive Impairments
  - Physical Impairments
  - Psychosocial Impairments
  - Sensory Impairments
  - Speech & Language Impairments
  - Learning Differences
7. The center must be able to provide an appropriate number of trained volunteers to meet the demands of the course.



8. The center must also have meeting space available for confidential discussions which will take place during the course.
9. The center must be able to provide sufficient copies of each of the reference materials required at both the registered and/or advanced levels of certification. The center must also have access to other necessary texts, forms, videotapes and other educational materials as needed for the course.
10. The center must have provisions for inclement weather.
11. The center must have access to the equipment needed to conduct mounted therapeutic riding sessions and to educate instructor candidates. A list of equipment can be found on the PATH Intl. website.
12. The center must provide both English and Western tack and horses to the instructor candidates as well as providing opportunities to teach both English and Western disciplines.
13. The center must comply with all PATH Intl. membership and accreditation fees as outlined in the application/renewal process.
14. The center must follow all higher education membership administrative procedures in a timely manner.

