



Practicum Level Descriptions

Beginner: For those who have never ridden before or have very limited riding experience
Less than 3 months.

Advanced Beginner: For riders who have walk and trot established, are able to tell their diagonal and can canter off the lunge; ready to begin jumping principles.

Intermediate 1: Can walk, trot and canter safely, know leads and diagonals and has done some jumping and begun small courses up to 2'.

Intermediate 2: Riders have experience with course work and have solid jumping fundamentals jumping at least 2'6" up to 3'. Experienced riding different types of horses.

Advanced: Riders with extensive experience and have done a lot of course work from at least 3' and above; must be familiar with complicated courses with a higher level of difficulty and sophistication. Comfortable with riding horses from any skill level.

Western: For riders riding at an intermediate level or above. Ready to begin more specific work in western equitation and patterns and subtleties of training a horse for western disciplines..

Dressage LL: Dressage Lower Level, for those who are riding at an intermediate Level and are able to walk trot and canter in control, ready to begin exploring the basics of dressage technique.

Dressage UL: Dressage Upper Level- for those riders who are riding at an advanced level and are prepared to explore lateral work, develop their dressage seat and work on the subtleties of collection and extension.

Trail: For riders at an Intermediate Level or above who can maintain control of their horse. This class focuses on the fundamental trail skills. Offered Fall Only (Dr. Nadeau)

Saddle Seat: For riders who can walk, trot and canter and are interested in working on the subtleties of Saddle Seat Equitation. Offered only w/ prior approval depending on demand. (Mr. Bennett)

PLEASE, if you are not sure what level you are or if you are between levels, it is best to ride a level below where you think you are.