



## ***OVERVIEW***

QNH has developed a four tier system designed to be an easy-to-follow and naturally progressive guide to train both horses and humans in a better way to learn natural horsemanship. The tiers allow for a gradual progression, from one level to the next, in a programme which allows for the student to foresee the challenges before them, with the re-assurance that each task has a logical and sequential basis and with sound equine bio-mechanical and psychological reasoning.

You will appreciate the true sense of the word ‘submission’ – which is to gain softness, respect and responsiveness from your horse.

You will see that there is no need to kick or pull your horse around. You won’t need those spurs any more, and you certainly won’t need to be buying a different bit every month, just to be able to stop your horse.

Saddling, mounting, riding and floating problems will become a thing of the past as you and your horse grow to where your horse sees you as a true alpha (leader), and you see that riding and working with your horse can, again, be a truly pleasurable experience.

This system allows for the introductory level of **Certificate 1** to educate the budding horseman to learn the basics of natural horsemanship, with a goal to simply be safe and effective with your horse – or practically any horse for that matter.

In achieving your first certificate you will feel a sense of achievement which will no doubt whet your appetite to challenge yourself and your horse to the next level.

In **Certificate 2**, skills are developed to a higher level, and some performance horse types manoeuvres are started to be learned. As well, as few tasks, which may be considered by some to be tricks, but are just display a higher level of submission, are learned.

**Certificate 3** is for the more serious student of natural horsemanship. The tasks in this level are more difficult and are designed for people who may wish to compete in a variety of equine disciplines or, perhaps, even have aspirations of becoming a professional horseman.

The **professional level** of horsemanship brings the student to a level of horsemanship and personal achievement which even they may have never thought they would be able to attain. However, as this is a professional course, participants are required to approach it with a professional manner and attitude.

This course is intensive and extensive in its design. It requires a student to not only challenge themselves in their horsemanship, but also personally. The student may be required to re-assess their approach to their horsemanship and their own character.

As the graduates of this programme will be ambassadors for QNH, they will be expected to maintain a high level of integrity, honesty and professionalism. It is to this end that they will be required to gain further skills, outside their actual horsemanship abilities, in an effort to be able to not only demonstrate their skills and abilities, but also to articulate their actions to people of all ages and walks of life. Their communications skills, presentation, demeanour, attitude and passion will all be a testament of the successful completion of this challenging but rewarding course.

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