

Curriculum Development: Making the EAGALA Model a part of your University's Offerings

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This workshop will focus on curriculum development tools, identifying departments and course offerings within an institution that will work well with introducing the EAGALA model (and equine assisted therapy overall), and how to successfully propose a program that satisfies both the institution and accrediting organizations.

Case studies from at least two colleges will be discussed with in-depth detail as to how the proposal process went, examples of course proposals and learning objectives, and a discussion of identifying supporters for your program within your institution.

Curriculum development tools and resources will also be discussed to give attendees a jumping point in developing programs at their own institutions.

Objective 1: Identify benefits of adding courses related to the EAGALA model and philosophy to the offerings of a higher education institution

Objective 2: Discuss options for utilizing an institution's current courses to develop a new degree program

Objective 3: Provide learners with tools for curriculum development and program proposals

Presenter Bios:

Jessica Denniston: Jessica is an Eagala certified equine specialist who is a member of the faculty at Emory and Henry College where she teaches in both the Equine Studies and the Equine Assisted Therapy degree programs. She holds a Master's degree in Education for Equestrian Education which led her onto the path of curriculum development. Having successfully developed equine-assisted therapy degree programs within two higher education institutions, she has a passion for sharing the Eagala model with students and clients alike.

Susan earned her B.A. in Psychology, and M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Counseling from the University of Florida. Both equine assisted psychotherapy (EAP) and equine assisted learning (EAL) serve clients at Winning Strides. Susan is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Professional Counselor Supervisor in the state of Georgia. She serves as the mental health professional on the Winning Strides team. She is also qualified to serve as ES. She served on the Board of Directors for EAGALA for seven years.

Susan serves as Adjunct Instructor at Wesleyan College in Macon. She teaches the Equine Assisted therapy courses through the Psychology Department.