



# **PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor Application Booklet**



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## **ADDITIONAL BOOKLETS REGARDING CERTIFICATION (VISIT [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) TO DOWNLOAD)**

- **THE PATH INTL. INTERACTIVE VAULTING INSTRUCTOR  
CERTIFICATION BOOKLET**
- **INTERACTIVE VAULTING INSTRUCTOR CRITERIA**
- **REGISTERED INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION POLICIES  
AND PROCEDURES**
- **ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR COMPLIANCE**
- **REGISTERED INSTRUCTOR GLOSSARY**

**NOTE: THESE BOOKLETS ARE UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ENSURE ACCURACY AND CLARITY OF INFORMATION. PLEASE VISIT THE CERTIFICATION WEBSITE TO CONFIRM YOU ARE REFERENCING THE MOST RECENT VERSION, ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO ATTENDING A CERTIFICATION EVENT.**

### **NOTICE:**

PATH Intl. acknowledges that 'lungeing' and 'longeing' are both correct spellings and utilized in professional literature when discussing use of an equine on a circle. PATH Intl. has chosen to use the spelling 'lungeing' in all documents. Thank you for your understanding and use of 'lungeing' as a PATH Intl. Certified Professional.



### **MISSION**

***PATH Intl. promotes safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs.***

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# *The PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor Workshop Overview and Application Process*

We are thrilled you are interested in pursuing the PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor Program! A PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting instructor must demonstrate riding, teaching and lungeing ability as well as equine knowledge and, above all, safety while teaching equine-centered lessons to all abilities.

*An Interactive Vaulting Instructor is able to create a safe, dynamic environment that offers educational, social, creative, and movement opportunities to participants engaged in horsemanship activities, movements around, on and off the equine or barrel and gymnastic positions on the back of the equine. Being dually qualified as a therapeutic riding instructor, an Interactive Vaulting Instructor is also able to conduct an effective, safe and basic equestrian lesson to include the teaching of a riding skill to individuals with disabilities.*

## **PATH INTL. INTERACTIVE VAULTING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Be a PATH Intl. Individual Member
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Submit Interactive Vaulting Instructor Application (no less than 60 days prior to the workshop)  
You must attend a PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting on-site workshop ***within one year*** to keep your instructor application active. **This workshop is a requirement to be eligible for PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor certification.**

- Submit proof of current Adult & Child CPR and First Aid Certifications
- Possess any level PATH Intl. Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification (Registered, Advanced or Master; Registered Through Recognition certifications are not sufficient)
- Document 20 hours of interactive vaultings lessons at a PATH Intl. center
- Document 30 hours of lungeing
- Successfully complete the online or in-person PATH Intl. Standards Course and exam
- Successfully complete the online, timed and proctored PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor certification exam

### **VA1 Mandatory\* Standard and how it pertains to interactive vaulting instructor candidates:**

**The standard reads:** *Is there written evidence that all vaulting sessions are conducted or directly supervised by a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Certified Vaulting Instructor?*

*Interpretation: PATH Intl. Vaulting Instructor certification demonstrates compliance with this standard. The vaulting instructor must hold one level of PATH Intl. Riding Instructor certification before pursuing a PATH Intl. vaulting certification. "Directly supervising" means the instructor is at the activity site and is aware of and responsible for the program activity in the arena or on the premises.*

**This standard is intended for centers that offer Interactive Vaulting as part of their EAAT's.**

The lungeing and teaching hours required for the interactive vaulting certification do not need to be under the supervision of a mentor that holds a particular certification and/or particular credentials. Although interactive vaulting sessions at PATH Centers must be under the direction of a PATH certified interactive vaulting instructor (as per VA1 Mandatory\*), practice hours can be obtained if students are not participating. For example, interactive vaulting instructor candidates can accrue practice hours by teaching their peers (such as other TRI's) and volunteers during specifically designated practice periods. Candidates are encouraged to follow the guidance given at the interactive vaulting workshop.

## **PATH INTL. INTERACTIVE VAULTING ON-SITE WORKSHOP**

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### **Being Physically Prepared**

Please note that this workshop requires a great deal of physical activity. Interactive activities will take place on, around and off the equine and barrel. If you have any concerns regarding your ability to participate due to limitations as the result of a disability, injury or medical condition, please refer to the accommodations section on page 4 of this booklet.

### **Workshop Overview**

Faculty will walk, trot, and canter you through the basics of Interactive Vaulting. Activities include proper lungeing technique and appropriate tack, ground exercises, barrel work and group oriented activities both on and off the equine:

- ❖ **Vaulting:** Daily interactive vaulting sessions led by the workshop faculty provide examples of interactive vaulting sessions as well as an opportunity for the participants to experience interactive vaulting for themselves. Student groups may also be brought in for demonstration.
- ❖ **Interactive Activities:** Participants will learn and participate variety of activities to promote interaction, creativity, awareness and memory. Guided lesson planning and practice teaching sessions assist participants in choosing appropriate activities for specific groups of students.
- ❖ **Lungeing & Equipment:** Daily lungeing practice for all participants allows for feedback from faculty and experience choosing

appropriate equipment for a variety of equines.

- ❖ **Practice:** Participants will have the opportunity to teach interactive vaulting sessions, lead activities and vault on the equine or barrel. Basic vaulting movements will be taught with an emphasis on safety, spotting and determining when a student is ready to attempt movements on a moving equine.
- ❖ **Equines:** Training and selection of the interactive vaulting equine will be discussed. Conformation, temperament, sensitivity etc.

### **Auditing the Workshop**

PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor candidates are encouraged the audit the workshop once more before certification. Auditing may be an option at the host site's discretion. Please contact the host site for details.

Auditing the workshop does NOT count towards requirements for certification.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

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An accommodation is an adjustment or an adaptation of a component or components of the registered instructor certification process in order to meet the special needs of a candidate.

**Reasonable accommodations may be granted to qualified individuals with known disabilities, unless doing so would result in a fundamental change to the certification criteria, create an undue hardship or cause a direct threat to health or safety.**

Requests for an accommodation to any part of the process must be made in writing by the candidate and submitted to PATH Intl. All requests for accommodation must be accompanied by a letter from a physician (with letterhead and physician's handwritten signature) verifying the diagnosis and defining the candidate's limitations in order to help PATH Intl. determine appropriate, reasonable accommodations on an individual basis. Please visit the website at <http://www.pathintl.org/40-resources/certification/936-accommodations> to obtain the PATH Intl. Reasonable Accommodation Policies and Procedures instructional booklet for the necessary forms.

Accommodation requests should be submitted with the initial instructor application. An accommodation request may be submitted after the instructor application has been received by PATH Intl., but sufficient processing time should be provided prior to

the intended date of certification.

Please allow up to 60 days to receive accommodation request results in all cases.\*

For more information, please contact PATH Intl.

*\*PATH Intl. and affiliated centers are not responsible for refunding OSWC registration fees or travel expenses in the event that an accommodation request is submitted with insufficient processing time.*

## **INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION REFUND POLICY**

PATH Intl. Instructor Certification Applications will only be refunded if a written request is made via mail or email to the Certification Department, Attn: Certification Department. The written request must be received by the PATH Intl. office within 5 business days of the received date of the application. Please include in the written request: name, member number, address, phone number and reason for refund. If the on-line courses have already been accessed, a refund will not be given. Refunds will be issued in the original form of payment. If a credit card is not available for credit, a check will be issued for the refunded amount.

*Merchandise or materials purchased with the Instructor Application submission will be considered under the Returns/Refund policy. PATH Intl. Membership is non-refundable; please see the Memberships refund policy on the PATH Intl. website, [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).*

**1 YEAR**  
to complete from date of application

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Be a current PATH Intl. Instructor Member and compliant PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor at Registered, Advanced or Master level  
(Registered Through Recognition certifications are not sufficient)
- Submit Interactive Vaulting Instructor Application to PATH Intl.
- Submit Adult & Child CPR and First Aid certifications  
(100% online courses are accepted.)
- Submit accommodation request (if applicable)
- Attend a PATH Intl. on-site Interactive Vaulting instructor workshop  
(max of 2 years old at time of certification)

**2 YEARS**  
to complete from date of workshop

- Audit an on-site PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor workshop  
(Recommended but optional)*
  - Complete the online Interactive Vaulting Instructor exam  
(score valid for 1 year)
  - Complete the online or in-person PATH Intl. Standards Course and exam  
(score valid for 1 year)
- Have completed **a minimum of 50 practice hours** to include:
- 20** hours teaching Interactive Vaulting  
(cannot also be counted for lungeing hours)
- AND
- 30** hours lungeing  
(cannot also be counted for teaching hours)
- Submit certification application paperwork to the host site  
(see the certification booklet)
  - Attend an on-site PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Certification event

NOTE: This diagram is intended to be a general checklist/overview of the application and certification process. Please thoroughly review the Interactive Vaulting instructor application, certification and policies & procedures booklets for details on each component within the process.

**PATH Intl.  
Interactive Vaulting  
Instructor status**

**Renew Annually**

# **Sample Schedule for the PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting 3 Day Workshop**

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## **DAY 1**

8:00am	Registration
8:30-9:00am	Introductions, schedule, tour
9:00-10:15am	Vaulting session, demonstration w/workshop participants
10:15-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00	What is interactive vaulting, benefits, population, phases of a vaulting session
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:30pm	Intro to Lungeing
1:30-2:30pm	Vaulting/Lungeing Equipment
2:30-3:30pm	Lungeing exercises without equines; intro to lunge line and whip
3:30-3:45pm	Break
3:45-5:15pm	Lungeing with equines

## **DAY 2**

8:30-10:00am	Stretching Exercises – Warm Up Games (Barrel & Ground)
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-11:30am	Barrel: Compulsories
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-2:30pm	Lungeing
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-4:15pm	Vaulting Session w/Kids & Reflection
4:15-5:00pm	Guided Lesson Planning – Give Scenarios

## **DAY 3**

9:00-10:00am	Choosing & Training Vaulting Equine
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-11:45am	Lungeing
11:45am-1:15pm	Divide into groups – Lesson Planning & Lunch
1:15-2:15pm	Role Play (Participants Teaching)
2:15-2:30pm	Break
2:30-3:15pm	Reflection
3:30-4:30pm	Vaulting Session w/kids
4:30-5:00pm	Reflection
5:00-5:30pm	Standards Review/Certification

Please contact the host site for schedule and travel information specific to the event you wish to attend.

# PATH INTL. INTERACTIVE VAULTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INTERACTIVE VAULTING INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION FORM

Please submit this completed form to PATH Intl. via email or mail.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

PATH Intl. Center Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### Please complete entire checklist:

1.  I am at least 21 years of age.
2.  I have enclosed front and back copies of my current First Aid and Adult and Child CPR cards (100% on-line courses are accepted).
3.  I am a current PATH Intl. Instructor member. Membership# \_\_\_\_\_  
AND  
 My PATH Intl. Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification is current/compliant.
4.  I have enclosed the Application fee of \$50.
5.  I am able to complete the certification process as outlined and do not need an accommodation.  
 I am unable to complete the certification process as outlined and have:
  - Downloaded the Reasonable Accommodation Policies and Procedures instructional booklet for the necessary forms
  - Included my written accommodation request with this application
  - Included a doctor's note verifying a disability necessitating an accommodation
6.  I would like to purchase the following checked items (optional):
  - PATH Intl. Standards and Accreditation Manual  Hard copy .....\$77  
(Also available for download on-line in the Members Only section for free)

**I have carefully read and fully understand the policies and procedures that are laid out in this application booklet.**

I am requesting expedited (one business day) processing and have enclosed an additional \$25 processing fee.

I wish to pay by (check one): Please make check payable to PATH Intl. in U.S. funds.

Check  Master Card  Visa  AMEX  Discover  Electronic payment via online invoice under my member account # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*do not include credit card information if you are paying by electronic payment via online invoice)

TOTAL Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Application fee, merchandise and expedited processing fee, if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Please mail this completed form to the PATH Intl. office.

PATH Intl., P.O. Box 33150, Denver, CO 80233

**If you do not complete the PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting workshop within one year of the date on this application, you will need to reapply for instructor certification.**