## **Associate of Applied Science**

Equine Studies

Upon completion of the equine studies major, students will be able to:

- Trace the history and evolution of the horse and its contributions to mankind.
- Understand and evaluate equine behaviors and reactions while learning how to respond and handle them accordingly.
- Demonstrate understanding of training techniques through experiential learning.
- Understand career opportunities for equine professionals.
- Demonstrate knowledge of equine anatomy, physiology, health and care, including becoming proficient in identifying and assessing issues that require urgent, veterinary care.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills required to operate an equine facility through experiential learning labs, including an understanding of business and legal requirements.
- Identify and evaluate distinguishing and breed characteristics of the top 10 U.S. breeds.
- Demonstrate proficiency in various riding techniques and the ability to teach riding to others.
- Understand therapeutic horsemanship techniques and demonstrate knowledge of equine assisted activities.