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Ridgetown Campus Partners with REACH in Clinton to Deliver New Equine Training Certificate

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The University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus is excited to announce that it will be partnering with the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) to deliver a new Performance Horse Handler Certificate at the REACH facilities in Clinton.

The new two-semester Performance Horse Handler Certificate was developed with significant input from the equine industry and the campus is looking forward to starting the student recruitment process. The recruitment process will target grade 12 students with a high school diploma or mature students looking to work in the performance horse industry, including thoroughbred, quarter horse or standardbred racing, dressage, show jumping, breeding and other stables. The first class is scheduled to begin in September 2010, with graduates receiving a University of Guelph certificate. "REACH has a fantastic teaching facility located in Huron County and we're excited about the opportunity to be the training deliverer for a new horse industry certificate," said Ken McEwan, Acting Director, Ridgetown Campus.

"The University of Guelph and its Ridgetown Campus have a great reputation in education and we're very excited to be working with Ridgetown staff in this training partnership. Ridgetown has almost 60 years of education experience and, like us, is keenly interested in supporting the equine and agricultural industries in Ontario," says Richard Harding, Executive Director, REACH.

Ridgetown Campus will be hosting two fall Red Carpet Day Open House events at REACH in Clinton this fall. For more information, check out the Ridgetown Campus website to pre-register.

Ridgetown Campus is part of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC), University of Guelph.

- See REACH facility pdf image attached

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