



**Location:** Colorado Horse Rescue – Longmont, CO

**Duration:** Summer 2025 (Start and end dates flexible)

**Hours:** Part-time (based on intern availability)

**Compensation:** Unpaid internship; educational credit may be available through your institution

### Background

We are Colorado Horse Rescue, and we work to continuously reimagine what's possible and create a reality where safe solutions exist for every horse. We focus on rescue, rehabilitation, training, and placement to ensure no horses fall through the cracks. For more information about CHR's programs, services, and activities, visit [www.chr.org](http://www.chr.org).

### Primary Role

The Training Support Intern will play a key support role within our dynamic and mission-driven training department. Interns will assist trainers by catching horses, grooming, tacking, and providing hands-on help before and after training sessions. While this is primarily a support position, interns will gain valuable experience and insight into how a professional rescue and rehabilitation program operates.

### Core Responsibilities

- Assist in catching and handling horses scheduled for training sessions
- Groom and tack up horses to prepare them for work with trainers
- Provide general support to CHR trainers during daily operations
- Maintain a clean and safe working environment in training areas
- Observe and learn from experienced trainers about CHR's training philosophy and rehabilitation practices
- Engage in educational opportunities related to equine behavior, care, and rescue operations

### What You'll Learn

- Best practices in equine handling and ground manners
- Insight into rescue and rehabilitation processes
- How a non-profit horse rescue and training program functions
- Observational opportunities in behavioral assessments and training techniques

### Requirements

- Currently enrolled in (or recently graduated from) an Equine Science or related program
- Strong horse handling skills and a desire to learn and expand on them
- Able to safely catch horses, groom, and tack up without supervision
- Comfortable working with a variety of horse temperaments and training levels
- Reliable, communicative, and proactive team player
- Passionate about equine welfare and the mission of Colorado Horse Rescue

## Work Environment

Work is performed in a horse barn and outdoor setting. This position is potentially subject to animal bites, scratches, kicks, and unpredictable, dangerous situations. Frequent lifting to 50 lbs. with reasonable accommodation. Frequent walking, standing, bending, stooping, movement, and repetitive motion. Work outside in weather extremes, both heat and cold.

*All staff/trainers/interns are **required** to wear a helmet when riding on CHR property.*

## Physical Requirements

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to perform the essential functions of this job successfully. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The position requires the ability to sit for sustained periods of time, travel, and drive. The vision requirement includes close vision. The employee is occasionally required to lift up to 50 pounds.

## EEO Statement

At Colorado Horse Rescue, we don't just accept difference — we celebrate it, we support it, and we thrive on it for the benefit of our employees, our services, and our community. CHR is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace. We celebrate diversity and do not discriminate based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability status, or any other applicable characteristics protected by law. We are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. The more inclusive we are, the better our work will be.

## To Apply

Please email a resume and a brief cover letter detailing your horse experience, educational background, and interest in the position to the Placement Program Manager, Grace Degnan, at [gdegnan@chr.org](mailto:gdegnan@chr.org).

Join our mission to help create a better world for horses—and gain real-world experience in the field of equine training and rescue. We look forward to meeting you!