



Pre-Certification Evaluation Requirements

1. The Applicant must fill out the application form and pay the Evaluation Fee.

*EDPA Member Evaluation Fee: \$75.00

*Non-Member Evaluation Fee: \$150.00

2. The Applicant must complete either “a” or “b”:

a. Provide a “Certificate of Completion in fields of equine/animal education.

*This can include under graduate or graduate school, technical school, continuing education courses, or other equine dentistry courses.

NOT ALL Equine Dentistry Schools or Programs are approved sources of education for EDPA Certification! – Contact the office for further information

b. Apprenticeship

*Applicant must complete an apprenticeship under supervision of a veterinarian or an EDPA Certified equine dental provider. Applicant must provide the *EDPA Apprentice Evaluation Form* signed by the referenced supervisor.

3. Applicant must have references and letters of recommendation for two (2) horse owners as well as two (2) additional veterinarians.

4. Case Studies: Case Studies are representative of a LIVE HORSE PRACTICAL TESTING.

Cases must show that you have consistency in your work and understand the scope of your practice. **Only submit your BEST WORK!**

All Case Studies must be obtained legally based on that State's Law/ Requirements AND have **ALL** of the Owners and Veterinarian's information included with Signatures.

Age Range Requirements: 2 - 10 years old – 1 case
11-20 years old – 1 case
20 + years old – 1 case
Any age of your choosing – 1 Case

ALL cases must be submitted with a Chart, Supervising Vet Evaluation Form, and require pictures!

Cases are to be submitted in the following order for each horse:

1. **Chart** – Applicant must have **ALL Case Charts signed by the at supervising veterinarian.**
2. **Vet Evaluation Form** –**MUST be filled out for EACH horse.** The Supervising Vet is to be present and evaluating each and every case and must sign both the evaluation form and chart for that horse. The vet may be contacted by the Director of Certification after the cases are submitted.
3. **Pictures:** Can be submitted either with Before Pictured LABELED on 1 page and then After Pictures LABELLED on the 2nd page OR submitted side by side LABELLED: Before and After. There is a sample case study below for reference.
 - a. **Submit ONLY Clear pictures and only your BEST cases.**
 - i. **DO NOT!!** Submit cases where food debris is present

Each Case Study must pass with a 90%

Cases will be reviewed by 3 evaluators: Certification Director, Veterinarian, and a Certified EDP

The case evaluations, by the team of Evaluators, will be determined by the following categories:

Each Case is worth 50 points for a total test of 200 points (4 Cases). Each case study must pass with a 90% or 45/50.

1. Complete and Proper charting with legible writing (5 points)
2. Clear and properly labeled photos (10 points)
3. Assessment of malocclusions and identifiable conditions (15 points)
4. Describe approach and procedure to address conditions (15 points)
5. After Care/Recommendations (5 points)

5. Applicant MUST provide a Work History Log containing 24 of their past cases (REQUIRED)

Charts MUST contain the following information:

1. Complete and Detailed charts of horses you have done. (Legally performed by state requirements) ***This will show your work consistency.*
2. Show your understanding of “everyday seen” cases with different degrees of difficulty
3. Contain Sedation notes by the owner or supervising vet with signature
4. Have Complete information containing contact information of Veterinarian and/or Owner.
The Certification Director MAY call on the owners/vets for case study verification

6. Documentation also to include (if applicable):

Equine Dental Workshops/Shadowing Completions
Equine Related Continuing Education

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Applicant must have ALL necessary Documentation, Case Studies and Work History Log to the EDPA before the evaluation process will begin.

**\*\*\*MISSING INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A FAILURE OF THAT CASE STUDY. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**It is REQUIRED to save all case studies and application materials on a Flash Drive. Please mail the flash drive and all printed copies (preferably in a binder) to the Office Manager’s address below for the fastest processing time.**

**The EDPA has 30 days to review the application and respond with approval or denial with recommendations to the applicant.**

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Once the applicant has received EDPA Pre-Certification Evaluation Approval, the applicant may then sit for the EDPA Certification Written Test. See the EDPA Certification Test Guidelines for more details.

For questions or more information, contact the EDPA Certification Director:
Carl Mitz at mitzequine@aol.com

Approved Pre-Certification Applicants that are EDPA Members and non-veterinarians may apply for the Miller Educational Scholarship. There are 8 annual scholarships available on a first come basis. Please see our website for more detail.

EMAIL – ALL PAPERWORK, CASE STUDIES AND WORK HISTORY LOG DOCUMENTS TO:

Kristina Rector at office@edpaonline.org

MAIL ALL HARD COPY PAPERWORK, CASE STUDIES, WORK HISTORY LOG DOCUMENTS AND FLASH DRIVE TO:

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