

## **Frequently Asked Questions for the Online Certificate in Higher Education in Equine Science and Management course through Enniskillen Campus - September 2026 intake**

### **Q1. How do I apply for CAFRE's Online Certificate in Higher Education in Equine Science and Management course?**

For the Higher Education Certificate in Equine Science and Management (Online) course you apply directly to CAFRE through the 'apply for this course' on the [website course page](#).

### **Q2. What are the entrance requirements?**

Students should normally have attained two Grade Ds or above at A-Level, equivalent to 48 UCAS tariff points at A2 Level, plus three GCSE subjects at Grade C including English Language.

For those applying with Irish Leaving Certificate qualifications please refer to the Tariff Tables, Section 3 – International Qualifications where equivalent qualifications are listed in alphabetical order. Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Foundation Level are not considered as meeting entry requirements for CAFRE programmes

For other qualifications, please consult the UCAS website Tariff Tables but note that not all courses listed in the Tariff Tables are recognised as meeting Ulster University requirements. In addition to meeting the course entry requirements applicants must also meet the General Entrance Requirements for Ulster University.

If you require guidance on entry qualifications please email the Key Contact for this course.

### **Q3. Can I apply to CAFRE after my GCSEs or Junior Certificate?**

No. Students must be studying for or have their A Levels or Leaving Certificate (Ordinary or Higher, not Foundation) before they can apply to CAFRE. Applied Leaving Certificate is not considered.

#### **Q4. Are there Concessions to the Entrance Requirements for Mature Learners?**

Ulster University do not currently reduce entrance requirements for mature learners, however additional post school qualifications may count towards your UCAS tariff points. Further information on entrance requirements and accepted equivalencies can be found at [University Entrance requirements \(ulster.ac.uk\)](https://www.ulster.ac.uk/entry-requirements)

#### **Q5. Are there interviews to get onto the course?**

For those applying we can hold career advisory discussions on request. These make sure you have applied for the right course, that you fully understand the entry requirements and give us the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. The discussion can take place on campus, over the telephone or using video call technologies such as Teams or Zoom.

If you are under 18 years of age you should have a parent(s) or guardian with you.

#### **Q6. What are the minimum grades required in English to get onto degree programmes?**

The minimum standard of English to get on to the course is a Grade C at GCSE. The equivalent of this is an O4 in Irish Leaving Certificate (2017) or a C2 in Irish Leaving Certificate (pre-2017). If English is completed at Irish Leaving Certificate Higher Level a minimum of a H6 is acceptable.

We also accept passes in Essential Skills qualifications in Communication at Level 2.

For those who have completed QQI qualifications in English Communications Unit 5N0690 with a minimum of merit is also acceptable.

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#### **Q7. How much does it cost to study at CAFRE?**

Details of the fees and funding support for Higher Education courses at CAFRE can be [viewed here](#).

#### **Q8. When do courses begin?**

Higher Education induction usually occurs during the second week in September. The first teaching week for Higher Education courses is normally the third week in September. The academic calendar is available on the college website under the [‘Student Life’ tab](#).

## **Q9. How are courses delivered?**

CAFRE's Certificate in Higher Education in Equine Science and Management course is delivered entirely online through asynchronous lectures and use of a range of other learning materials.

Modules do have live online tutorials which are held in the evenings to accommodate learners who work, but they are also recorded, and recordings are made available to those who are unable to attend live sessions.

Each module includes a range of mandatory assessments designed to support a range of learning styles. These typically comprise of written assignments, oral presentations and time-controlled assessments. All assessments are completed online and submitted through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Each module usually has two assessments, which may be divided into smaller component parts to help structure learning and manage workload effectively.

## **Q10. Do I need to purchase anything in advance if I get an offer on a course?**

All elements of your course will involve online learning activities. Therefore, we recommend that you have either a desktop or laptop computer to access the learning materials, attend tutorials and undertake your assessments.

You will receive further details when your place on a CAFRE course is confirmed. Again, we strongly advise you do not purchase any equipment until you get an official confirmation of a place on a CAFRE course.

## **Q11. Do I have to attend any learning sessions at Enniskillen Campus?**

No, all sessions are available online, allowing learning to be based anywhere when taking the course. Learners are welcome to come on campus to use the library facilities (during opening hours).

Learners will be invited to attend the campus for key dates in the academic calendar for example Careers Day and the Student Conference, but these are not required.