

Faculty

Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS

Bonnie is a licensed Physical Therapist in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Physical Therapy and Master of Public Administration. Bonnie is a PATH, Intl Registered Therapist, a PATH, Intl Certified Riding Instructor and Certified as a National Assessor for riders interested in competing in National Events and the Paralympics. Bonnie is a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in hippotherapy, Coordinating Faculty for the American Hippotherapy Association, has taught internationally and presented at national conferences. Bonnie is practicing physical therapy using hippotherapy treatment strategies in private practice. Bonnie is a past president of AHA, Inc. and served as the first Executive Director.

Meredith Bazaar, CCC-SLP, HPCS

Meredith S. Bazaar, CCC-SLP, HPCS is a New Jersey and New York licensed speech-language pathologist, and a board certified hippotherapy clinical specialist. She is a Past President of the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing from The George Washington University and a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from Northwestern University. Prior to starting her own practice Meredith provided speech language services in the Montefiore Medical Center and managed a day program for adults with traumatic brain injuries at United Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State. Meredith regularly presents at professional conferences, conducts training seminars for parents and community groups and supervises graduate student interns. She is trained in PROMPT I and II, Kaufman Speech Praxis Treatment and Beckman Oral-Motor assessment and intervention.

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Continuing Education

A certificate of attendance will be provided. Contact hours total 27. Courses are not pre-approved for CEU's unless indicated otherwise.

Directions/Hotel Information

Special Strides is located in Monroe New Jersey. We are a PATH Premier Facility. We are located on a 200 acre farm with indoor and outdoor arena space as well as 100 acres of wooded trails. We have multiple sensory and balance playgrounds in our woods as well as sensory/vestibular equipment. This is our fourth consecutive year hosting courses and we are very excited for the upcoming Level II course. We are very accessible by car or plane with a location 10 minutes off the closest exit on the New Jersey Turnpike (exit 8 or 8A). Please visit our website for detailed directions.

Airport: Newark Airport is the closest at 35 minutes. Philadelphia and the NYC airports are 60 minutes.

Hotels: Numerous hotels are within a 10-15 minute driving radius from the farm and are listed on the education tab on the Special Strides website <http://specialstrides.com/courses/>

Therapists in the United States have used the movement of the horse for treatment since the 1970's and it is currently utilized in 24 countries around the world. For more information about Hippotherapy, go to **American Hippotherapy Association (AHA, Inc.) website:**

www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org



Special Strides

Presents:

AHA, Inc. Approved Level II Treatment Principles*

July 28-31, 2017



**This course is recommended for AHCB
Certified Therapist and HPCS*

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Level II Treatment Principles

This curriculum is the follow up to AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles – Level I, with an emphasis on patient treatment and more advanced equine knowledge necessary for hippotherapy as an equine discipline. Lecture, discussion, collaborative work and actual patient treatment occur over 4 days. Subjects include: recognizing desirable conformation, soundness, and movement qualities of the therapy horse; training, conditioning and monitoring of the therapy horse; understanding optimization of the therapy horse for a patient treatment; and safety principles for the therapy horse and environment. The therapist will learn to identify and convey to the horse handler the necessary skills required to produce quality movement when leading, lunging or long lining the hippotherapy horse in patient treatment and understand the need to educate and train staff and/or volunteers who will be working with the therapy horse. Understanding the requirements to maintain a safe, effective and successful clinic program including billing, documentation and clinical evidence for the inclusion of hippotherapy in the treatment plan. This curriculum is designed to provide and facilitate a problem solving treatment approach, using actual patients currently involved in hippotherapy as part of their physical, occupational or speech therapy treatment plan. Practical applications of the AHA Conceptual Framework, including Dynamic Systems and Motor Learning Principles will be facilitated. Treatments will be videotaped and reviewed with discussion and instructor feedback to analyze and further advance the learning experience. This course may be attended by licensed Speech, Physical and Occupational therapists and assistants (PTA, COTA, and SLPA's).

The curriculum may be utilized only under conditions set forth by AHA, Inc.

Registration Information

All attendees will receive a hard copy of the AHA, Inc. Level II Treatment Principles Manual. The course fee also includes breakfast and lunch. During the course you will be on and/or working directly with horses. Please have appropriate clothing/footwear. Helmets will be provided. If your weight exceeds 180#, you may be excused from the mounted portion of the course. Indicate any special restrictions on the registration form.

Cancellation Policies: AHA, Inc. and the host facility reserve the right to adjust course dates, times and faculty to accommodate unforeseen circumstances including cancellation of the course due to insufficient registration up to 3 weeks prior to the scheduled start date. Notification will only be made to advanced registrants. Neither AHA, Inc. nor the host facility is responsible for any expenses incurred by registrants due to such adjustments.

Participant cancellation requests must be made in writing no less than 3 weeks prior to the course start date to receive a refund, minus a \$115 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received within three weeks prior to the start of the course.

Course prerequisite: Successful completion of the AHA, Inc. Level I Treatment Principles Course and a copy of your certificate must be included with your registration. Attendance is limited to licensed OT, PT or SLP professionals and will not exceed 16 participants.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

AHA, Inc. Member #/exp: _____

Credentials as listed on course certificate:

Professional License #: _____

Level I Location / Year: _____

Special needs - i.e. mobility restrictions/diet:

Early registration on or before May 1, 2017

_____ \$825 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$950 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

After May 1, 2017

_____ \$850 for AHA, Inc. Member

_____ \$975 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

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