

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.

Lori Garone, MS, PT, HPCS is a physical therapist, licensed in New York and Virginia. She is a board certified Clinical Specialist in Hippotherapy. A 1990 graduate of Touro School of Health Sciences, Lori holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Health and a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy. She serves on the AHA Inc BOD. Lori was one of two therapists chosen to represent the United States in 1991 at the First Symposium of Physiotherapists and Riding Instructors in Surry, England. Lori has trained successfully up to Fourth Level Dressage and is a life long horsewoman. She also helped develop as Clinical Director of SDTC, Sullivan Diagnostic and Testing Center, The Center for Discovery's, Milligan Hill Equine Assisted Therapy and Activity Program which incorporated hippotherapy into patients plan of care as well as Equine Assisted Therapy and Activities incorporating the environment of the horse for residential patients, daycare program and work related experiences. Lori served as Interim Executive Director and Program Director at The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy. In 2010 she was awarded the prestigious Oyster Bay, New York, 2010 Woman of the Year Award for her work in the Health Industry and promoting Hippotherapy and was AHA Inc.'s Barbara Glasow's Therapist of the Year recipient in 2013. Lori had a successful practice, Physical Therapy In Motion, for over 30 years on Long Island NY. She recently moved, (2016) to Virginia Beach to work at South University's PTA Program as DCE/ Professor.

Continuing Education

A certificate of attendance will be provided. Contact hours total 11.5. Courses are not pre-approved 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 fifth consecutive year hosting courses and we are very excited for the upcoming NeuroConnection 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/>



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Special Strides

Presents

The Neuro Connection: Incorporating Equine Movement into the Treatment of Patients with Neurological Deficits

April 14 and 15, 2018



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AHA Inc. Approved Course

The Neuro Connection

This 2-day course is designed for therapists who currently treat or are planning to treat patients with neurologic deficits using equine movement.

With extensive use of patient videos, group discussion and problem solving, course participants will explore the theoretical and scientific rationale and benefits for using hippotherapy treatment strategies alone and in combination with other treatment strategies for specific neurologic impairments such as: spasticity, impaired motor control and sensory deficits.

In addition, participants will discuss ways to incorporate principles of neuroplasticity and motor learning into their therapy session.

Topics to be covered:

- Review of major relevant areas of Central Nervous System
- Common impairments related to motor behavior
- Theoretical and scientific rationale for treatment of neurological patients
- Related systems – treating the whole patient
- Explore varied therapist treatment approaches
- Combining principles of motor learning and neuroplasticity with hippotherapy treatment principles
- Patient problem solving using videos of patients with neurologic deficits

Participants are invited to submit a video of a patient with neurologic impairments. This video may be selected to be viewed during the course as a teaching tool to discuss various treatment options including treatment using equine movement and related activities. Videos would need to be submitted to one of the faculty 3 weeks prior to the course. Contact faculty to receive guidelines for video submission.

Registration Information

All attendees will receive an email with links to download course materials 2 weeks prior to the start of the course. Handouts will be printed and available to all attendees, these are different from the course ppt. No printed copies of these ppt slides will be available at the course. The course fee also includes lunch and snacks. Indicate any special restrictions on the registration form.

This course is scheduled to run 9:00 to 4:30 on Day 1 and 9:00 – 3:00 on Day 2. Detailed course outline will be available on Day 1 of the course.

Cancellation Policies: Special Strides reserves 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. is responsible for any expenses incurred by registrants due to such adjustments.

Attendee cancellation requests must be made in writing no less than 3 weeks prior to the course start date to receive a refund, minus a \$100 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 and Level II Treatment Principles Courses. A copy of your certificates must be included with your registration.

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

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*AHA, Inc. Member #/exp.: _____

New memberships are accepted. Join today at www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org.

Credentials as listed on course certificate:

Special needs-mobility restrictions/diet/etc.:

Early registration on or before February 15, 2018

_____ \$400 for AHA, Inc. Member/\$500 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

After February 15, 2018

_____ \$475 for AHA, Inc. Member/\$575 for Non-AHA, Inc. Member

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For more information about Hippotherapy, go to **American Hippotherapy Association (AHA, Inc.) website:**

www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org

