



## MSU Farrier School

### MSU offers only farrier program in Michigan

Michigan State University's Farrier School covers every aspect of the modern art and science of the farrier trade. Students benefit from 8 hours a day of hands-on and classroom-based instruction in hoof and farrier science, equine anatomy and physiology, basic welding and equine-specific business management. Whether they choose the Farrier School's 12- or 24-week courses of study, students will be well trained and career-ready at graduation.

MSU had a highly regarded farrier training program for many decades, but it was ended in the 1950s when the state's horse population declined due to mechanization and other factors. The revived program is based at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, with MSU alumnus and certified journeyman farrier David Hallock as the lead instructor. Enrollment will be limited to six students a session.

The MSU Farrier School is an outreach program of the Department of Animal Science in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The MSU Farrier School also collaborates with the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Apply to the MSU Farrier School at [canr.msu.edu/farrierschool](https://canr.msu.edu/farrierschool).**

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# MSU Farrier School Investment

## 12-Week Program

Fees:	\$9,600
Supplies:	\$2,000
Books:	\$350
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Total:	\$11,950

## 24-Week Program

Fees:	\$15,600
Supplies:	\$2,000
Books:	\$350
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Total:	\$17,950

Fees and housing are the responsibility of the student. All fees are due prior to the start of the training. The MSU Farrier School does not currently qualify for traditional student financial aid (FASFA).

## Professional Prospects

According to the Michigan Equine Survey, in 2007 there were about 155,000 horses in Michigan. Each of them needs regular hoof care, with trimming and shoeing (if the animal is shod) required every 6 to 8 weeks. Most horse owners prefer to hire an expert to handle their horses' hoof care rather than do it themselves.

Well-trained farriers are in demand and have the potential to earn a good living. An American Farriers Journal survey in 2012 found that the average gross earnings for full-time farriers in the United States was about \$92,623. Part-time farriers earned an average of \$21,153.

## For More Information

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