

# FARRIER

A farrier specializes in the hoof care of equine such as horses, ponies, mules, and donkeys. Typically, they clean, trim, and shoe horses' hooves.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Trim horse hooves using utensils such as rasps and nippers
- Clean hooves and remove excess hoof walls and dead sole
- Observe hooves for signs of disease or poor health as well as lameness problems
- Intervene before a potential problem occurs with a horse's hooves by alerting veterinary personnel
- Perform basic level of therapy toward horses' lower limbs
- Fabricate or purchase horseshoes to fit horses, as requested by owner and tailored to the horse's duties (riding, racing, working, etc.)
- Remove old shoes and replace with new ones, either via hot or cold shoeing
- If shoes are fabricated, adapting and adjusting through blacksmithing may be required to ensure the right fit
- Purchase and utilize tools and supplies necessary for farrier duties which typically include: anvil, anvil stand, nippers, forge stand, pullers, hammers, blades, tongs, rasps, gloves, knife sharpener, apron, hoof care accessories (nails, staples, pins), and pre-made horseshoes
- Maintain a calm and caring demeanor to effectively work with and comfort horses
- May perform grooming activities as requested or desired
- If self-employed, handle billing and record keeping for clients



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## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

High school diploma required; additional training may be sought via farrier programs, certification, or an apprenticeship

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, industrial technology, welding, business courses, math

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Self-employed, large stables, horse breeders, or horse racing companies

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Farrier's Association
- American Association of Professional Farriers
- Guild of Professional Farriers

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$42,000