

## **Why Orthopaedic Assessment?**

It is impossible to solve a problem if you don't know what the problem is. Without high quality, thorough assessment, truly addressing the root of your equine client's issue is impossible. A complete orthopaedic/musculoskeletal assessment gives an overview of the body's structure and function. Understanding what to assess and how to execute both global and regional evaluation provides the therapist critical information needed to build a clinical hypothesis while also identifying what relevant differential examinations are needed.

**There are three courses in the assessment series which must be taken in order from forelimb, hindlimb, to spinal.**

### **Part 3: Assessment of the Spine**

This **6-month interactive online** course covers assessment of the spine, one section at a time. Included is a monthly Q&A where students can submit questions by the 20th of each month and receive detailed recorded responses from the instructor. Review checkpoints guide students through the relevant anatomy and basic palpation and orthopaedic assessment for each region. Demonstration videos, lecture notes, and checklists are provided so students can practice independently. Students are also encouraged to discuss their practice experience and ask questions in the private Facebook group.



### **What's included:**

- Complete guide to assessing the cervical spine, thoracic spine, ribs, lumbar spine, and sacroiliac joints (active and passive range of motion)
- Anatomy & physiology review of each region
- Postural assessment & observation
- Overview of the most common orthopaedic conditions
- Video demonstration for each joint assessment
- Module Quizzes (70% pass) and written assignments that support learning
- Case study submissions
- Monthly Q&A videos answering submitted student questions, with lifetime access
- Private FB group to ask questions, discuss practice, and share experiences
- Bonus library of past webinar recordings for additional insights



Spinal Introduction	Spinal Column Overview Quiz & Assignment
Cervical Spine	Anatomy and Physiology Palpation, AROM, PROM Home Exercise Common Orthopedic Conditions Quiz & Assignment
Thoracic Spine	Anatomy and Physiology Palpation, AROM, PROM Home Exercise Common Orthopedic Conditions Quiz & Assignment
Ribs	Anatomy and Physiology Palpation, AROM, PROM Home Exercise Common Orthopedic Conditions Quiz & Assignment
Lumbar Spine	Anatomy and Physiology Palpation, AROM, PROM Home Exercise Common Orthopedic Conditions Quiz & Assignment
Sacroiliac Joints	Anatomy and Physiology Palpation, AROM, PROM Home Exercise Common Orthopedic Conditions Quiz & Assignment
Consolidation	Putting It All Together AROM Lesson Course Completion Requirements Final Assignment & Video Demonstration
Bonus Webinar	The Connection from Poll to Sacrum