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# **Staffing Policy**

**Policy Statement** Svítání, z.s. - Academy of Equine Assisted Services is committed to maintaining a highly skilled and professional team to deliver exceptional educational experiences. Our staffing policy ensures the selection of lecturers based on their expertise, ongoing professional development, and a supportive environment for all staff and contracted lecturers.

# **1. Lecturer Selection Policy**

# **1.1 Objectives**

- Identify and engage experienced professionals who align with the Svítání, z.s. mission and values.
- Ensure lecturers possess the relevant expertise to contribute effectively to course design and delivery.

#### **1.2 Selection Process**

- 1. Approaching Experts:
  - Lecturers are directly approached by the Svítání, z.s. based on their qualifications, professional experience, and reputation in the field of Equine Assisted Services.

#### 2. Collaboration Agreements:

- Selected lecturers are invited to participate in course design and delivery.
- Collaboration agreements outline roles, responsibilities, payment terms, and expectations.

**1.3 Equal Opportunities** The Svítání, z.s. ensures that all selections are based on merit and expertise, without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

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### 2. Staff Development and CPD Policy

#### 2.1 Objectives

- Support all staff, including contracted lecturers, in maintaining and enhancing their professional skills.
- Encourage participation in continuing professional development (CPD) relevant to Equine Assisted Services.

#### **2.2 CPD Opportunities**

#### 1. Internal Training:

• Periodic online sessions are organised to share relevant best practices and updates in Equine Assisted Services.

# 2. External Training:

 Staff and lecturers are encouraged to attend external CPD courses, conferences, or certifications. The Svítání, z.s. may provide financial support based on available resources and relevance to the role.

#### 3. Self-Directed Learning:

• Staff and lecturers are encouraged to pursue self-directed learning, including research, reading, and participation in professional networks.

# 2.3 Review and Feedback

- Regular feedback is provided to contracted lecturers and employees to support their development.
- Staff may request additional training or CPD opportunities based on their interests or identified needs.

# **3. Monitoring and Review**

Svítání, z.s. will:

- Maintain records of lecturer participation and professional development activities.
- Review this policy annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

**Approval and Implementation** This policy has been approved by the leadership of Svítání, z.s. and applies to all staff and contracted lecturers engaged with the organisation.

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