

Our world of Horses

Aeres is committed to further professionalisation of the equestrian sector, at all levels of education and in adult education too. It begins with horse classes for lower secondary professional education and continues on through intermediate vocational education, higher professional education and Dutch and international training centres. There are various locations at which students build up plenty of practical experience in professional horse care and training: the Paardenplaats (Horseplace) in Dronten, the Aeres Equestrian Centre in Kootwijkerbroek, and Paard Mens Onderwijs (Horse Human Education) in Steenwijk. Quality, safety and wellbeing are paramount. In addition to a carefully developed feed policy, the horses have plenty of opportunity to move around freely on a daily basis. Spacious stalls and good air quality ensure a healthy stable climate. This makes Aeres the Dutch equine education provider.



Teaching locations



Future careers









Training courses and levels

Pre-vocational professional education

At a number of schools for pre-vocational secondary professional education, students have the option of choosing Horses as an additional subject outside the curriculum. They take theory lessons and learn practical skills practice at the nearby riding school.

Vocational education courses

Leven 2:

- Equine husbandry worker
- Animal care (Horse) worker

Level 3

- Equestrian sports and husbandry skilled worker SPRINT (incl. ORUN instructor candidate)
- Equestrian sports and husbandry instructor (incl. ORUN Instructor candidate, Basic Sports, Competition Sports)
- Farrier

Level 4:

- Equestrian sports and husbandry business manager SPRINT (incl. ORUN instructor candidate)
- Equestrian sports and husbandry instructor (incl. ORUN Instructor candidate, Basic Sports, Competition Sports)

Higher professional education: Bachelor

- Equine business administration
- International Equine Business Management
- Equine sector teacher and knowledge manager
- Accelerated course Green sector teacher and knowledge manager (teaching qualification in one year)

Higher professional education: Associate degree

 Equine business administration courses and training

Courses and training

- Equestrian sports massage (multiple modules)
- Refresher training for equestrian sports masseurs
- Equine nutrition (multiple modules)
- · Hoof trimming
- · Animal physiotherapy
- Touch horse
- NVFD training
- Horses and ponies module
- Communication with horses (customised)
- Trainee riding school instructor Level 2
- Riding school instructor Level 3
- Hunter Jumper Equitation instructor and coaching
- Posture and seat The key to success
- Personal leadership with horsepower (APEC)
- Mirroring with horses workshop
- Therapy by use of animals
- German blacksmith training



Student numbers



Pre-vocational secondary professional education Horses class

students per year



Vocational education students



Higher professional education students



Courses and training participants

per year

Internal and external practical facilities

Aeres' own practical site:

- 58 spacious stalls
- 30 school (sport) horses
- 4 indoor riding arenas with Agterberg riding surface
- 1 outdoor ring with Agterberg riding surface
- Galloping track
- Covered lunging ring
- 7 paddocks
- Our own smithy
- Theory classrooms
- 2 large meadows
- Recognised by the FNRS, SVP and KPW
- and cold water
- Horse exerciser
- Accommodation for 25 students

Horse stables for and by students of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Dronten:

- 40 spacious stalls
- Grooming station with both hot and cold water
- Spacious tack rooms with your own cupboard and blanket rack
- Outdoor ring with ebb and flow riding surface measuring 30 x 60 metres
- Lunging ring
- 6 paddocks
- 12 meadows

- Theory classrooms
- Horse walker
- 2 large paddocks and 6 smaller paddocks
- Various meadows, bordered by woods with good options for rides
- Accommodation for 26 students



International

International internships:

- Around 35% of Aeres MBO Almere
- Around 40% of Aeres MBO Barneveld
- Around 60% of Aeres MBO Emmeloord
- Around 15% of Nordwin College
- 100% of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Dronten
- Around 20% of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Wageningen

International partnerships:

- European Schools LaSalle (F), Saumur (F), Saint Flour (F), Ypäja (F), Starum (N), Hartpury (UK), Writtle (UK), Bilzen (B), Warendorf (D), Lambach (A), Golega (P), Flyinge (S) and Stromsholm (S)
- Various American, German and French universities
- EHA Europaeische -Hufbeschlags- Akademie
- BESW Akademie
- EEN Equestrian Educational Network
- CEF Certified Eurofarrier
- EFFA European Federation of Farriers Associations
- Equipeople

Activities

Amongst other things:

- Dronten Horse Auction
- Jumping Amsterdam
- Sports Learning Pathway Days
- Nationaal Scholenconcours (National Schools' Competition)
- Horse Event
- CSI Twente
- Young Horse World Championships

- Hippisch Gelderland (Equestrian Gelderland)
- KWPN Stallion Show
- NK Dressage (Dutch Dressage Championships)
- KFPS Stallion Show
- Nordwins Paardenspektakel (Nordwin's Horse Spectacle)

Collaborations

Amongst others:

- Emmeloord Veterinary Clinic
- Wolvega Veterinary Clinic
- Paardencentrum Dronten (Dronten Equestrian Centre)
- Stichting Balansruiters (Balance Riders' Foundation)
- Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation (KNHS)
- Dutch Federation of Professional Equestrian Centres (FNRS)
- ANIVADO Education & Training
- Dutch Association for Animal Physiotherapists (NVFD)
- Intensive co-operation with local businesses with regard to regional learning
- Utrecht University
- Dutch Association of Equine Sport Masseurs (VPSN)
- Horse and Welfare Quality Mark (KPW)
- Studbook of the Royal Dutch Sport Horse (KWPN)
- Dutch Association of Farriers (NvVH)
- Foundation for Co-operation on Vocational Education, Training and Labour Market (SBB)
- Stichting Veilige Paardensport ('Safe Riding Foundation') (SVP)