

# Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center



## **Job Opening: Part Time CTRI/Horse Trainer (traveling) Potential for Full Time Position (PATH/CHA-IRD Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor)**

### **Job Description**

Exciting opportunity in Northeast Michigan! Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center (Pegasus Springs TRC) is a growing, federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit adaptive riding center offering Equine Assisted Services. We are seeking an ambitious part-time PATH Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor or TRI, (Therapeutic Registered Instructor), or CHA/IRD (Instructor of Riders with Disabilities) – with suitable experience.

We are a faith-based agency, located in National City, MI and offer programming for children and adults with cognitive, emotional and physical disabilities in a nine (9) county area. Pegasus Springs TRC is the only full-service adaptive riding center in North East Michigan.

*The qualifications listed below represent the minimum skills and experience levels associated with performing the duties and responsibilities contained in this job description. The qualifications should not be viewed as expressing absolute employment or promotional standards, but as general guidelines to be considered along with other job-related selection or promotional criteria. This list is not inclusive of the total scope of job functions to be performed.*

### **Duties**

Conduct intake assessment of participant needs through medical records, clinical assessment, personal observation and discussion with family or guardian, then craft a carefully designed lesson plan targeted at achieving the goals determined, and maintain detailed documentation on client progress. Applicant will also be actively involved in training our equine partners with assistance from other instructors and competent volunteer riders/trainers. Must professionally collaborate with other staff and volunteers, be organized, have strong communication and interpersonal skills, and help manage our volunteer base for assistance with all activities, and programming.

### **Requirements**

Applicant must possess a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor (CTRI), or Therapeutic Registered Instructor (TRI) certification working toward a CTRI, through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH), or a CHA/IRD, with consideration given to candidates with additional certifications or possess a bachelor's degree in psychology, social work or art therapy and be available for daytime, Saturdays, and late afternoon schedules. Current certification in First Aid/CPR is required. Other considerations include accepting a candidate with equestrian experience, also knowledge of working with persons with disabilities.

Must exhibit exceptional equestrian skills, work-ethic, people skills, professionalism, positive attitude, and flexibility to assist individuals of all ages and possess creative thinking to design programs that encompass a thorough intake assessment of physical and cognitive abilities and engage the participant to allow for improvement in all aspects of their life through the use of Equine Assisted Services. Pegasus Springs is an inclusive center.

Applicant will be involved with fundraising and community events (as able if traveling). Salary range is based on experience and qualifications. This is a negotiable part-time to full-time hourly position, offering between 16-32 hours per week in a 2-4 day schedule and negotiable stipend for travel. Benefits may include a negotiable lease/use agreement of instructors' personal horse to be used in therapeutic riding for lessons, with boarding at no charge. Horse must be well-adjusted and able to function in a wide range of lessons with the disabled.

*Submit application/resume to Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center,  
4800 Old State Road, National City, MI 48748, or e-mail your resume and cover letter to the attention of  
Executive Director Barb Clare at [pegasusspringstrc@gmail.com](mailto:pegasusspringstrc@gmail.com).*

*This position will be posted on our website and social media until filled. Applications are due April 30, 2023.  
In person or Zoom interviews take place early May, with start date no later than June 15, 2023*

**Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

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