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# COACHING PROGRAM

## NCCP COMPETITION COACH SPECIALIST ADMISSIONS

### OVERVIEW

Competition Coach Specialists are capable of teaching the competitive equestrian in the candidate's area of specialization. Competition Coach Specialists will work with intermediate and/or more advanced riders to further develop basic riding, horsemanship and safety skills. They are working to advance students from Provincial/Territorial to National level competitions. The Competition Coach Specialist should also be able to evaluate a horse and its suitability for a student, supervise stable operations and routines, and have experience training and preparing horses for competition. LTED-Learn to Compete, Train the Competitor and the Learning and Training to Win stages. Candidates will specialize in one discipline; however, they are expected to be conversant in all English or Western disciplines. Candidates must have had competitive experience. The following NCCP Competition Coach Specialist certifications are offered by Equestrian Canada (EC):

- Dressage Specialist
- Eventing Specialist
- General Performance Specialist
- Jumping Specialist
- Reining Specialist
- Speed Events Specialist

### GET STARTED!

Contact your Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) to get started!

<https://equestrian.ca/about/governance/provincial-territorial-partners>

### ADMISSIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hold [EC Registered Coach Status](#)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Coaching Association of Canada's [Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be at least 20 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

Depending on the Competition Coach Specialist certificate being sought, candidates must meet certification specific prerequisites, they are as follows:

English Disciplines	
Dressage	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at Third Level or higher, with at least one minimum score of 65% at EC Gold shows.
Eventing	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at the national Training level or above. To complete the evaluation process, the candidate must show proof of having coached or be actively coaching a candidate at the national Preliminary level.
Jumping	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes who are successfully completing courses at 1.0m in the hunter or jumper divisions at EC Silver or Gold shows.
Western Disciplines	
General Performance	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at breed or provincial shows and have athlete(s) currently competing and achieving top-5 placings in a class of 6 or more competitors under at least 2 different judges at a minimum of 3 breed or provincial shows. These results must be repeated in at least 3 different discipline classes from the following list: Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding. Show records verifying placings will need to be submitted
Reining	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), CRC or breed shows that have achieved minimum scores of 68 under at least 2 different judges on 3 or more runs. Show records verifying scores will need to be submitted.
Speed Events	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at provincial or national speed events or breed shows, or rodeos, that have achieved the following requirements for competitive experience: Barrel Racing: A top-10 placing in any division at provincial or national speed event shows, or a top-6 placing at rodeos or breed shows, on 3 or more runs. Pole Bending: A time of 26 seconds or under at provincial, national speed event or breed shows or rodeos on 3 or more runs. Show records verifying the sets of either placings or times will need to be submitted.