

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in farriery – Level 8

The PhD is a post graduate doctoral degree. The farrier shall have been required to complete an original thesis offering a significant new contribution to knowledge in farriery. The farrier shall have extensive knowledge of the particular area of investigation and research on which they have focussed. The farrier will, typically, hold one or more other farriery qualifications and/or examinations, and the PhD programme, of itself, may not have required the use of farriery skills. The farrier will have demonstrated research and analysis skills to a high level.

A PhD programme will usually consist of either a Research Project, or a Doctoral Programme.

A PhD programme will, typically, include:

- A review of relevant literature
- An original research programme and collection of results
- Production of a thesis to present conclusions
- The thesis to be set out in writing as a dissertation
- The thesis to be debated and defended in an oral examination

The following academic establishments have delivered PhD programmes in farriery in recent years:

- The Royal Veterinary College
- The University of Central Lancashire
- The University of Liverpool

PhD programmes are subject to external validation and quality assurance.