Diploma Higher Education (DipHE) in farriery or Foundation Degree in Science in farriery (FdSc)

Extent of the theory of farriery – Knowledge	Extent of the practise of farriery - Skills	Extent of enabling and supporting functions - Behaviours	External Validation and External Quality Assurance	Knowledge, Understanding and Competence in corrective and remedial farriery	Extent of experience associated with the qualification/examination
The Diploma Higher Education in farriery (DipHE) or Foundation Degree in Science in farriery (FdSc) qualification provides a developed knowledge of the structure and function of equine limbs. The Diploma Higher Education in farriery (DipHE) or Foundation Degree in Science in farriery (FdSc) introduces the technique of literature searching, critical appraisal and awareness of research and study techniques. The farrier will be able to appraise and advise on the common diagnostic techniques employed in the evaluation of lameness in the equine	The farrier will be able to fabricate horse shoes and apply modern materials supported by scientific research, such as sole packs and hoof rebuild products, and acrylics and polymers, to accommodate normal and abnormal disorders of the equine limb.	The farrier will have developed assessment, appraisal, reflective, observational and analytical skills and will be capable of making informed decisions on treatment options and will be able to effectively communicate with other equine professionals so as to contribute to a holistic approach.	Validation of the qualification is awarded in accordance with the University of Central Lancashire's external assessment and examination quality assurance process.	The farrier will understand the disease processes occurring in equine limbs. The farrier will be competent in remedial trimming and corrective farriery based on validated scientific principles, and through the application of fabricated shoes or modern materials The farrier will have studied anatomical, physiological and biomechanical factors affecting equine Hoofcare, and have a wide understanding of the effects of abnormal conformation on the performance of the equine. The farrier will be familiar with the purpose and use of diagnostic imaging modalities provided by the veterinary profession, which can assist in farriery treatment planning.	The qualification is delivered as a two-year part-time blended learning, designed for Registered Farriers with a minimum of 1 year post- qualified experience. The Diploma Higher Education in farriery (DipHE) or Foundation Degree in Science in farriery (FdSc) is at Level 5 on the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications.