



North America

# Blended Course— Principles of Equine Fracture Management



AO VET NA  
COURSE



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CARY, NC

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The AO VET NA Blended Course - Principles of Equine Fracture Management will bring together the latest information and technique innovations on the internal fixation of equine fractures. Starting with the biologic and biomechanical properties of the internal fixation methods, the groundwork will be laid for understanding the concepts and techniques of internal fixation in equine surgery. Familiarity with the most current instrumentation will be established along with a step-by-step surgical technique review. Over six hours of laboratory hands-on sessions are provided to allow course participants to practice techniques with instruction from the faculty. Time for discussion and radiographic review of complicated cases will be provided. This course is intended to educate the equine surgeon on the latest techniques and instrumentation available for treatment of common fractures encountered in equine practice. Practical hands-on lab exercises will concentrate on the techniques of lag screw fixation of fractures. An introduction to plating techniques will be presented as a prelude to the AO VET NA Blended Course - Advanced Techniques in Equine Fracture Management.

Participants are encouraged to bring digital images of HIPAA-compliant radiographs of problem cases to the course. Instructions regarding the format for the images will be provided closer to the time of the course.

The new 'blended' course format includes REQUIRED online coursework and learning materials provided prior to the face-to-face event which are MANDATORY for completion and attendance at the course.

## TUITION

Residents: \$1,300  
Attending: \$2,500

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Recognize and apply AO Principles to equine fracture management
- Discuss the importance of preoperative planning and other aspects of the clinical decision-making process in equine surgery
- Describe the biological and biomechanical properties of internal fixation methods for equine fractures
- Identify and select the most appropriate techniques for fixation of common and complicated equine fractures for the most successful outcome

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Enrollment is open to veterinary residents, interns, students and practicing veterinarians with an interest in improving their skills and confidence in the decision-making and treatment of fractures in large animals.

## COURSE CHAIRPERSONS



**Janik Gasiorowski, VMD, DACVS**  
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