

EQUINE EMBRYO TRANSFER SHORT COURSE

September 11-13, 2026 (3 Days)

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Seats fill on a first come/first serve basis and courses fill quickly.

We encourage you to register and pay online to guarantee your seat in the course.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Farm/Ranch/University:

Position:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Primary Phone:

Email:

DVM or Non-DVM; DVM License #:

or Photo of DVM diploma

Food restrictions:

PAYMENT INFORMATION (Registration Fee \$2,160)

Make check payable to SIUC. Please do not email forms with credit card information. If paying by credit card, please register online, register by phone, or mail the completed form.

Number of Payments: Pay in full (\$2,160) Pay deposit (\$1,080) – Remaining balance of \$1,080 due August 28

Pay by credit card: Visa Mastercard Discover AmEx

Credit Card #:

CVC:

Exp:

Name on card (please print):

Billing Address:

Pay by Check (Provide tracking number)

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: Prior to the start of the course, participants must submit a signed Release of Liability Form and a completed Photo Release Form. Please also bring one form of government issued identification (driver's license or passport) and proof of health insurance coverage to the course.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Regardless of payment method, there is a non-refundable \$1,080 down-deposit. A refund of the second half of the course fee (\$1,080) will be issued if requested prior to August 28. No refunds will be made after August 28. The University reserves the right to cancel any program. In the event of cancellation, only those who are registered will be notified.

The Equine Embryo Transfer Short Course is provided by SIU School of Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science Program, in partnership with German Standard Group, Minitube USA, Inc., and Mindray Animal Care.

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Events and Outreach
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CARBONDALE



A 3-DAY EQUINE EMBRYO TRANSFER SHORT COURSE

Organized by the Southern Illinois University Animal Science Program, School of Agricultural Sciences, in partnership with German Standard Group, Minitube USA, Inc., and Mindray Animal Care

DATES: September 11–13, 2026 (Friday–Sunday)

TIME: 9:00 AM–6:00 PM, Friday–Sunday

**PLACE: SIU Equine Teaching and Research Unit (ETRU)
2422 Union Hill Road
Carbondale, IL 62903**

This short course consists of more than 27 hours of instruction (about 13 hours of theoretical instruction/lecture and 14 hours of hands-on instruction in the lab) working with mares for embryo transfer. The course will cover several topics including: embryo development, management of donor and recipient mares, embryo transfer techniques, and embryo searching and classification. Veterinary participants will receive lots of hands-on practice in equine embryo transfer procedures and lab techniques. Auditing non-DVM participants will not be able to participate in animal work, but will receive hands-on practice in lab techniques.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$2,160.00. This covers the cost of the mares, equipment, and supplies used during the course, as well as light refreshments, breakfast, and lunch for the three days of the course. This program is limited to 10 veterinarians for the hands-on spaces (registrants must provide proof of DVM) and 5 auditing non-veterinarians to ensure as much one-on-one instruction as possible. Animal work is limited to veterinarians only. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until Aug. 28. Payments can be made in two installments: a non-refundable down deposit of \$1,080.00 to reserve a spot (due on July 31) and a second, final payment of \$1,080.00 due on Aug. 28. Please call SIU Events and Outreach at (618) 536-7751 to take advantage of this payment plan. No refunds for the final payment will be provided if cancellation occurs after Aug. 28. Payments may also be made in full, with half of the payment going toward the non-refundable down deposit and the other half remaining refundable until after Aug. 28.

Additional Note:

Please come dressed in long pants (preferably jeans) and close-toed shoes for each day of the short course. Fingernails **must** not extend past the fingertip and need to be trimmed if longer. Additionally, please bring something to take notes with (pen and paper, computer, etc.) for the lecture sessions.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Kendall Hyde at kendall.hyde@siu.edu, or call the SIU Animal Science Short Course Program at (618) 319-3903.

Online Registration Link:

[https://dce.siu.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus
.awp?course=27D0800805](https://dce.siu.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?course=27D0800805)

Mailing Address for Payments:

**EVENTS AND OUTREACH
ATTN: SIU ANIMAL SCIENCE SHORT
COURSE PROGRAM
ANTHONY HALL, ROOM 0015
1265 LINCOLN DRIVE
MAIL CODE 6705
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901**

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS:

- Dr. Márcio Nunes, DVM, MSc: Dr. Nunes is a veterinarian with over 20 years of experience and obtained his Master of Science degree in equine reproduction. Throughout his career, Dr. Nunes has conducted scientific projects on equine reproduction, including ultrasound scanning and evaluation of ovarian function in mares, and has led several embryo transfer programs with an average of 200 pregnancies per season. He served as the head of the equine technical department for Minitube in Brazil for 12 years and has been living in Dubai as the technical manager of German Standard Group since October 2022, where he oversees the technical reproductive area in the Middle Eastern countries.

Go here to learn more about Dr. Nunes: <https://ae.linkedin.com/in/marciomnunes>

- Dr. Maria Luiza Munhoz, DVM: Dr. Munhoz obtained her degree in veterinary medicine from Santa Catarina State University in 2013 and has been working in equine embryo transfer ever since. After completing a residency in equine reproduction, clinical work, and surgery at the Paraná Catholic Pontifical University, Dr. Munhoz began her fieldwork in equine theriogenology. Throughout her career as a reproductive veterinarian, Dr. Munhoz has been an on-site equine theriogenologist specializing in assisted reproductive techniques in horses and has participated in over 14 breeding seasons with particular emphasis on embryo transfer. Her embryo recovery rates and pregnancy rates post-embryo transfer are phenomenal, and she is looking forward to sharing her knowledge, expertise, and advice to course participants.

Go here to learn more about Dr. Munhoz: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maria-luiza-munhoz-b1aa5a323/>

- Dr. João Rafael Gurgel, DVM, MSc: Dr. Gurgel earned his veterinary medicine degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais in 2007, followed by a Master of Science in animal andrology from University of São Paulo in 2014. Dr. Gurgel has been actively involved in the field of equine reproductive biotechnology since 2008. He began his professional career as a veterinarian and entrepreneur at Equina Central de Reprodução, an accredited reproductive facility, where he worked for 15 years applying reproductive biotechnologies in both stallions and mares. Since 2023, he has been part of the team at Lazy E Ranch, where he continues to work with advanced reproductive technologies, including semen processing, ICSI embryo transfer, contributing to reproductive efficiency and laboratory operations.

- Dr. Eduardo Gastal, DVM, MS, PhD: Dr. Gastal has been working in the field of equine reproduction for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in equine semen processing, artificial insemination, and evaluation of mare ovarian function and anovulatory conditions as both a veterinarian and an academic researcher. Furthermore, Dr. Gastal has been teaching Animal Science and Veterinary Science since 1991 and has been teaching Animal Science courses at SIU for over 16 years. Dr. Gastal is incredibly excited to instruct this course and cannot wait to teach eager participants about the importance of proper mare insemination techniques.

Go here to learn more about Dr. Gastal: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Eduardo-Gastal>

- Kendall Hyde, MS: After receiving her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Davis, focusing on the influence of genetics and genomics on livestock reproduction, Ms. Hyde received her Master of Science degree in ovarian function of mares under Dr. Gastal's advisement. As a current PhD student in Dr. Gastal's lab, Ms. Hyde's research continues to explore methods of improving assisted reproductive techniques and understanding anovulatory conditions in mares. Ms. Hyde is looking forward to teaching lecture during this short course and helping participants understand the beauty of mare reproduction.

Go here to learn more about Ms. Hyde: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kendall-Hyde>

HOTEL INFORMATION:

– **CARBONDALE** –

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Carbondale – \$121 per night
Address: 200 West Elm Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 3.7 miles (8 minutes)
Phone: (618) 529-2555
- Holiday Inn Carbondale – \$109 per night
Address: 2300 Reed Station Parkway, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 7.4 miles (14 minutes driving)
Phone: (618) 549-2600
- Hampton Inn Carbondale – \$100 per night
Address: 2175 Reed Station Parkway, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 7.7 miles (14 minutes)
Phone: (618) 549-6900
- Super 8 by Wyndham Carbondale – \$64 per night
Address: 1180 East Main Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 5.1 miles (12 minutes)
Phone: (618) 457-8822

– **MURPHYSBORO** –

- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Murphysboro–Carbondale – \$125 per night
Address: 120 Muddy Monster Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966
Distance from ETRU: 8.5 miles (15 minutes)
Phone: (618) 684-2110

– **MARION** –

- Drury Inn & Suites Marion – \$116 per night
Address: 2706 West Deyoung Street, Marion, IL 62959
Distance from ETRU: 18 miles (30 minutes)
Phone: (618) 997-8822
- Comfort Inn & Suites Marion I-57 – \$103 per night
Address: 2403 Black Diamond Drive, Marion, IL 62959
Distance from ETRU: 18 miles (29 minutes)
Phone: (618) 993-0183
- Quality Inn & Suites Marion – \$87 per night
Address: 2600 West Main Street, Marion, IL 62959
Distance from ETRU: 19 miles (31 minutes)
Phone: (618) 998-1220
- Best Western Marion – \$80 per night
Address: 400 Comfort Drive, Marion, IL 62959
Distance from ETRU: 19 miles (31 minutes)
Phone: (618) 998-1220

We recommend looking at options online before booking for the best price deals

Assumption of Risk, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Name of Participant: _____

Local Address: _____

Phone: home: _____ work: _____ cell: _____

Age (In years): _____ Email: _____

Prior livestock/companion animal experience: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person to contact in emergency: _____

Telephone(s): _____ cell: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Important health information that we should know (allergies, medications, conditions): _____

Release to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (the "University").

1.0 I desire to voluntarily participate in the following activity: **Equine Embryo Transfer** ("Activity"), to be held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on **September 11-13, 2026, from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM**. I acknowledge that the Activity involves engaging with horses and/or other livestock, including but not limited to being in close proximity to such animals. I further understand and appreciate the dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in the Activity, in the transportation to and from the Activity, which dangers include but are not limited to the propensity of livestock to behave in dangerous and unpredictable ways, the inability to predict livestock reactions to sound, movement, objects, persons or other animals, the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, the potential of other participants acting in a negligent manner that may cause or contribute to injury, such as failing to maintain control over an animal, failing to remain focused while working with an animal, etc., and which also could include serious or even mortal personal injuries and property damage. I understand that the list of such dangers is not a comprehensive list and that other risks may be associated with my participation in the Activity or transportation to and from the Activity.

2.0 Knowing the dangers, hazards, and risks of such activities, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Activity, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), I, the undersigned, voluntarily agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Activity, the transportation to the Activity, and in any independent research or activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto, and in advance release, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue the University, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and any students acting in their capacity as University employees (hereafter called the "Releasees"), for any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature that I may have or that may hereafter accrue to me, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including but not limited to pain and suffering and death, that may be sustained by me or by any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees, or otherwise, while in, on, upon, or in transit to or from the premises where the Activity, or any adjunct to the Activity, occurs or is being conducted.

3.0 I understand and agree that Releasees may not have medical personnel available at the location of the Activity. I understand and agree that Releasees are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by Releasees shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I understand and agree that Releasees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment. Further, Releasees shall not be responsible or liable for any costs or other charges related to such medical treatment.

4.0 I understand that any personally owned automobiles used in conjunction with this Activity are not covered by the University for personal property damage or liability. I understand that if I utilize a personally owned automobile I am required to carry auto liability insurance as required by the State of Illinois and any state or nation in which the Activity takes place. Further, if I agree to be a passenger in a vehicle that is not owned and/or operated by a University faculty member or representative, I hereby assume any and all risks that may be associated with riding in such vehicle and will hold the Releasees harmless from any and all loss, damage, injury or liability that may arise from such act.

5.0 It is my express intent that this release and hold harmless agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse and my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns and shall be deemed as a "Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant" not to sue the above-named Releasees. I further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Releasees from any claim by me or my family, arising out of my participation in the Activity.

6.0 In signing this Release, I acknowledge and represent that I have fully informed myself of the content of the foregoing waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement by reading it before I sign it, and I understand that I sign this document as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made.

7.0 I am voluntarily participating in the Activity, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release.

8.0 I warrant and represent that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent to sign this agreement; and that I execute this release for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same. I further warrant and represent as follows: (a) that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in the Activity; (b) that I am of sufficiently good health, and medically able, to take part in the Activity; and (c) that I have adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay any medical costs that may be attendant as a result of injury to me.

9.0 I further agree that this Release shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict or choice of law principles. If any term or provision of this Release shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Release the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following person(s) have executed this release this _____ day of _____, 20__.

THIS IS A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. READ AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

PARTICIPANT:

Signature



VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPH AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, _____, hereby agree to allow **Southern Illinois University-Carbondale** and any of its authorized agents or contractors to record, video and/or photograph my likeness and voice. I understand that any such re- cording, videotape and/or photograph belongs to **Southern Illinois University-Carbondale** and that I will not receive any payment or other compensation in connection with such recording, video, or photograph.

I hereby give **Southern Illinois University-Carbondale**, its employees, agents, successors, assigns, and those acting with its permission or on its behalf, the right and permission to use, copyright, publish, republish, and distribute any such recording, video, or photograph of me. I understand that said recording, video, photograph may be used in any media, including reproductions on the World Wide Web, the use of any printed or electronic matter in conjunction with it, and the use in connection with any efforts publicizing, promoting or otherwise directly related to the objectives of **Southern Illinois University-Carbondale**.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time, in writing, and that no further recording, video, photographs of me will be taken. However, such revocation will have no effect on any recording, video, photograph already taken, which may still be used for the purposes described above.

I understand that Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and its agents and employees have no control over and are not responsible for the taking, use, distribution, publication, or broadcast of any such recording, video, photograph of me or the content of any publication or broadcast containing any such recording, video, photograph pursuant to this authorization.

I agree that personal satisfaction is sufficient consideration for this authorization. Intending to be legally bound, for myself, and my respective heirs and assigns, I hereby release **Southern Illinois University-Carbondale** and their respective trustees, officers, employees, agents and assigns, and waive any and all claims or demands that I may have against any of them for damages or remuneration in connection with the use of my likeness in the manner and for the purposes described in this authorization and release. I have read the foregoing authorization and release and warrant that I fully understand its contents and acknowledge that I am signing it voluntarily.

Signature _____ Date _____