



# MARE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION COURSE

April 12-14, 2026 (2.5 Days)

REGISTRATION FORM



## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FARM/RANCH/UNIVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Registration Fee: \$1740** (Select a payment option below)

### Ways to register:

1. Call us 618/ 536-7751, we will be happy to take your information and payment over the phone
2. Register online at <https://dce.siu.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=26D0800802>
3. Complete registration form and fax or mail to SIU Events and Outreach listed below.

*Note, 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.*

### Number of Payments

26D080080

\_\_\_ Pay in Full \$1740

\_\_\_ Pay Deposit \$870 Payment      Contact Events and Outreach by March 5 to make final \$870 Payment

### Pay by Credit Card:

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 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 \$870 down-deposit. If cancellation occurs prior to March 5, a partial refund of the full course fee of \$1,740 will be issued, less than the non-refundable deposit. **No refunds will be made after March 5.** The University reserves the right to cancel any program. In the event of cancellation, only those who are registered will be notified.



The **MARE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SHORT COURSE** is provided by SIU School of Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science Program, in partnership with German Standard Group, and Minitube USA, Inc. and Mindray Animal Care

### SIU Events and Outreach

1265 Lincoln Drive - MC 6705, Carbondale, Illinois 62901

P: 618/536-7751 F: 618/453-5680

**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: **Mare Artificial Insemination Short Course** ("Activity"), to be held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on **April 12-14, from 8:00 AM-7:00 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 (or have permission of my parent or legal guardian to participate) 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## A 2.5-DAY MARE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION 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: April 12–14, 2026 (Sunday–Tuesday)**

**TIME:** Sunday: 2:00 PM–6:00 PM. Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 AM–6:00 PM.

**PLACE:** SIU Equine Teaching and Research Unit (ETRU)

2422 Union Hill Road

Carbondale, IL 62903

This short course consists of more than 22 hours of instruction (about 10 hours of theoretical instruction/lecture and 12 hours of hands-on instruction in the lab) working with mares for artificial insemination. The course will cover several topics, including: semen evaluation and processing for insemination in mares, artificial insemination techniques, the mare estrous cycle and methods of manipulation, prediction of ovulation, and anovulatory conditions. Students will receive lots of hands-on practice in mare insemination using fresh, cooled, and frozen semen, and view demonstrations of ultrasonographic evaluation of mares' reproductive status and deep intra-uterine insemination.

Payments can be made **online (preferentially) or by check/money order**. Check or money order payments should be made to "**Mare Artificial Insemination Short Course – FY 2026 – April 12-14, 2026**". If you need to send payment in the mail, **you must call or email and let us know it is being sent** and include a tracking number.

### **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](mailto: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=26D0800802>**

### **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. 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:

- 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
- Best Western Saluki Inn – \$98 per night  
Address: 801 North Giant City Road, Carbondale, IL 62902  
Distance from ETRU: 5.8 miles (12 minutes)  
Phone: (618) 351-6611
- 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

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