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Indicators of Excellence for Equine Undergraduate Education – NAEAA Workshop Announcement

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The National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) will be holding a Zoom-based workshop February 2nd from 6:30-8:30pm (EST) for those interested in exploring use of the NAEAA Indicators of Excellence (IOE) model for programmatic review of equine undergraduate offerings. The model is designed for use in external review yet is equally suitable for use in internal self-study and strategic planning. The workshop will be led by NAEAA Founder and Executive Director Dr. Karin Bump and is free to NAEAA members. Those not already members – or current on membership - can join the organization for \$35 and then register for the program: <https://forms.gle/rdWRhimgrqSY9Lhc6>.

The NAEAA IOE external review model involves evaluation of self-study materials documenting institutional commitment and programmatic outcomes related to five Standards of Excellence constructs: Equine Student Knowledge and Skills; Critical Thinking and Communication; Trajectory of Graduates; Program Reputation; and Program Sustainability. Engaging in academic program review is a critical part of quality higher education, and the inclusion of external review insures an objective third-party perspective for integrity and public confidence. A challenge for undergraduate equine offerings is that the unique characteristics and components of these programs are often missed in traditional program reviews. The NAEAA IOE model encompasses these and thereby ensures that they are taken into consideration for programmatic quality, health, and sustainability.

About NAEAA: Founded in 2007, NAEAA is a non-profit professional organization representing individuals from public and private institutions and the equine industry that strive to educate undergraduates within an equine academic program.

Mission: to strengthen post-secondary equine academic programs, provide networking opportunities, and facilitate increased cooperation and information sharing among our members.

More information on our website: <https://www.naeaa.com/>.