



Stoneleigh-Burnham

**EQUESTRIAN
CENTER**

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY
INTENSIVE CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM

The
British
Horse
Society





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**INTRODUCTION
TO THE PROGRAM**

The British Horse Society (BHS) Intensive Certification Program at Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS) offers world-class equine qualifications, quality instruction and care, and a strong voice in rider and horse safety.

Our program is structured to educate students with thorough classroom theory, lectures, and written instruction as well as through practical, hands-on demonstration in the stable. The riding instruction focuses on the areas of dressage, cross-country jumping, and stadium jumping. The stable management portion focuses on teaching extensive horse care including nutrition, horse anatomy, and equine first aid.





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**INTENSIVE
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Welcome to the BHS Intensive Certification Program at SBS.

Students enrolled in the BHS Intensive Certification Program will have daily hands-on training in the equine industry. The British Horse Society Intensive Certification Program at Stoneleigh-Burnham School functions independently from the academic program at Stoneleigh-Burnham, but BHS Intensive Certification Program students adhere to all applicable School policies and procedures as outlined in the SBS Community Handbook.

Those who successfully complete the intensive program will gain the skills necessary to earn their international qualification in riding, training, instruction, and stable management. Whether it be instructing riders, running facilities, or working in any of the countless other equine-related career fields, students will be prepared for professional employment that requires sound thinking and practical abilities. Moreover, certification through The British Horse Society is recognized in 32 countries worldwide.

BHS Intensive Certification Program Specifics

- Students are enrolled solely in the BHS Intensive Certification Program hosted by the Stoneleigh-Burnham School Equestrian Center. They are not enrolled in SBS's academic program.
- Students will complete the program in a time frame that corresponds to their level of experience and proficiency upon entering the program, with most students achieving BHS Coach in Complete Horsemanship International Level I within one year.
- Students attend two unmounted lectures/practicals and two mounted lessons per day, five days per week.
- Students perform daily barn chores in partnership with the Equestrian Center staff and SBS students.
- Students enroll in either the day BHS student or boarding BHS student option:
 - Boarding Student option: for young women aged 17-20 interested in pursuing the BHS Intensive and living on campus at Stoneleigh-Burnham School. Must be a high school graduate or have earned their GED.
 - Day Student option: for coed adults age 17 or older interested in pursuing the BHS Intensive but not living on campus at Stoneleigh-Burnham School.



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ADMISSIONS PROCESS

This selective program accepts a limited number of students per year. The program begins in the fall. Due to the structure of the BHS Intensive Certification Program curriculum, no mid-year entries are permitted. **Applications are due by August 1, and interviews must be completed by August 10. Candidates will be notified of their status by August 15.**

Please access the BHS Intensive Certification Program application (sbschool.org/equestrian) and contact Equestrian Director George Halkett (ghalkett@sbschool.org) with any questions.

Student Horse Boarding

Any full-time BHS student enrolled in the program who wishes to keep their horse at the School's Equestrian Center may apply to do so upon enrollment in the program. Student horse boarding is \$800 per month and no stall is considered secured until a signed boarding contract is on file with the stable manager and a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 has been paid.



Program Costs 2023–2024

Day Program:	Includes all riding, lectures, practical training, and lunches: 12-month: \$25,600 9-month: \$19,200
Boarding Program:	Includes all riding, lectures, practical training, meals, and housing: 12-month: \$36,900 9-month: \$27,700

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BY THE NUMBERS

Stabling for

55 Horses 

1 REHABILITATION CENTER

100 ACRE CAMPUS 

2 SEPARATE INDOOR ARENAS 

5 level cross-country course

1 OUTDOOR ARENA 



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Stoneleigh-Burnham is the only secondary school in the U.S. to offer British Horse Society Certification.



George Halkett
Director of the Stoneleigh-Burnham School Equestrian Center

George Halkett, BHS International Senior Coach, directs the Stoneleigh-Burnham School Equestrian Center. A native of Scotland, Halkett returned to Stoneleigh-Burnham School in 2012 after a successful tenure in higher education. Throughout his career, Halkett has been active in competition and instruction. He served as a member of the Queen's Household Cavalry in the British Army, competed internationally, and coached students to international competitions including the FEI Samsung International, Volvo World Cup, and the International Intercollegiate World Championships.

During his previous tenure at Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Halkett helped coach students to four national titles in three years, including the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Championship title in 2002, 2003, and 2004, and the Interscholastic Dressage Association National Championship in 2002. In addition, the Stoneleigh-Burnham School team brought home a silver medal at the Northeast Junior/Young Riders Dressage Championships in 2003. In 2020, Halkett coached the USHJA Reserve Champion in Horsemanship. In 2022, Halkett coached two IEA Individual Dressage National Champions.



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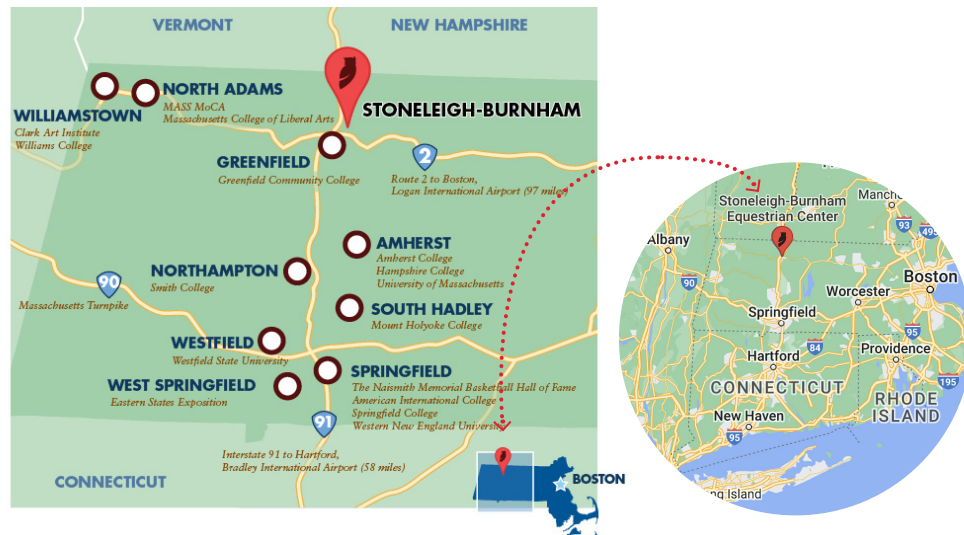


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LOCATION & FACILITIES



Stoneleigh-Burnham School's campus is located in the city of Greenfield, on the northern edge of the Connecticut River Valley of Western Massachusetts, home to numerous independent schools, colleges, universities, and cultural institutions. SBS is conveniently located 58 miles from Bradley International Airport in Hartford, Connecticut and 97 miles from Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts.



- The Stoneleigh-Burnham School Equestrian Center sits on 100 acres of undulating and scenic land at the entrance to the School property.
- Its facilities include two stable blocks capable of housing 55 horses. The stalls measure 12' by 12' and each features rubber floor matting, an automatic watering system, and an aluminum feed bowl. In addition, each barn has separate wash areas and bathrooms. During the winter, the barns and tack rooms are heated. The Equestrian Center also offers locker space for students, as well as a commercial-size washer and dryer.
- A rehabilitation center houses 12' by 12' stables, wash rack, office, weigh bridge, and heat solarium.
- The Equestrian Center indoor arena complex features two separate indoor arenas; the main arena measures 100' by 200' and the adjacent arena measures 70' by 120'. Both arenas have GGT-Footing™ (German Geo Textile Footing). The main indoor arena is overlooked by the Fuller Lounge, which has heating and air conditioning, and houses the judges' booth for competitions hosted on-site. The Equestrian Center teaching staff offices are housed in the nearby main office building.
- The Equestrian Center also has one outdoor arena, measuring 100' by 200'. A large Derby Field, which consists of permanent, European-style jumps and a five-level cross-country course with jumps ranging from Introductory to Preliminary, plus idyllic bridle paths complete the facility's many offerings.



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