

Equine Perinatology



DIRECTION

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PRESENTATION

The course aims to develop and enhance the knowledge of veterinarians in **managing the perinatal period in equine species, with a particular focus on high-risk pregnancy and neonatal intensive care.**

The topics covered include diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of the main diseases affecting the mare during pregnancy and the postpartum period, management of normal and dystocic parturition, diagnosis and treatment of the most common neonatal conditions and neonatal intensive care.

Thanks to the limited number of participants, the program will be tailored to the starting level of experience of the students, who may be recent graduates or more experienced practitioners. The multidisciplinary approach, ensured through the involvement of lecturers specialized in both Reproduction, Internal Medicine and Surgery/ Orthopedics, provides a comprehensive educational experience. The course also offers the opportunity to acquire practical experience at the **Perinatology and Reproduction Unit** of DIMEVET, a well-established referral center in this field.

PARTNER



PATRONAGE



PROGRAM

> JANUARY 17, 2026

Saturday, 17 January, 9 AM — 1 PM

Physiology and pathological conditions of the equine pregnancy: clinical insight

Jole Mariella, Associate Professor, DVM, PhD

Saturday, 17 January, 2—6 PM

Pregnancy loss: from the clinic to the laboratory.

Pregnancy health and diagnostic monitoring

Jole Mariella, Associate Professor, DVM, PhD

> JANUARY 30—31, 2026

Friday, 30 January, 2—6 PM

Normal and dystocic labor: strategies for successful delivery

Jole Mariella, Associate Professor, DVM, PhD

Saturday, 31 January, 9 AM — 1 PM

Postpartum reproductive disorders: identification and management

Jole Mariella, Associate Professor, DVM, PhD

Saturday, 31 January, 2—6 PM

Medical pathologic conditions in the pregnant and postpartum mare

Francesca Freccero, Associate Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM

> FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Saturday, 14 February, 9 AM — 1 PM

Principles of biosecurity in perinatology. Adaptation to extrauterine life and assessment of the newborn. Management of orphan foals and adoption

Carolina Castagnetti, Full Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECAR

Saturday, 14 February, 2—6 PM

Diagnostic-therapeutic protocol for sick newborn foals

Carolina Castagnetti, Full Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECAR

> FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Saturday, 28 February, 9 AM – 1 PM

Neonatal diseases (clinical cases): sepsis and localized infections, Neonatal Syndrome, prematurity/dismaturity, isoerythrolysis, umbilical remnants diseases, gastrointestinal diseases

Carolina Castagnetti, *Full Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECAR*

Saturday, 28 February, 2–6 PM

Foal orthopedics

Riccardo Rinnovati, *Associate Professor, DVM, PhD* –
Alessandro Spadari, *Full Professor, DVM*

> MARCH 14, 2026

Saturday, 14 March, 9 AM – 1 PM

Diagnostic imaging in the foal. Principles of fluid therapy. Pain management

Francesca Freccero, *Associate Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM*

Saturday, 14 March, 2–6 PM

Clinical pathology. Clinical cases

Francesca Freccero, *Associate Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM*

> MARCH 27–28, 2026 (Practical training – in person only)

Friday, 27 March, 2–6 PM

Transrectal and transabdominal ultrasound of the pregnant mare

Francesca Freccero, *Associate Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM* – Dr. Aliai Lanci

Saturday, 28 March, 9 AM – 1 PM

Ultrasound of the foal

Francesca Freccero, *Associate Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM* – Aliai Lanci, *Researcher, DVM, PhD*

Saturday, 28 March, 2–6 PM

Macroscopic examination of the placenta, materials for birth assistance, simulation of long-term catheter insertion, materials for foal assistance

Aliai Lanci, *Researcher, DVM, PhD*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The course is open to graduates in Veterinary Medicine. Admission is subject to a selection process based on academic and professional qualifications.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the student will have acquired the theoretical and practical foundations for managing the peripartum period in the equine species, with particular reference to the following areas: diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of the main mare pathologies during pregnancy and postpartum; management of both normal and dystocic foaling; and neonatal intensive care.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 17, 2025

ENROLLMENT

December 2–16, 2025

AVAILABLE PLACES

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TEACHING

44 hours: lectures, both in-person and online (synchronous only)

12 hours: hands-on practical training in person

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

80%

VENUE

Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences,
Via Tolara di Sopra 50, Ozzano dell'Emilia

FEE

1500 € – auditors: 750 €

ECTF

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WEBSITE

site.unibo.it/perinatologiaequina



CALL FOR APPLICATION

Il bando è disponibile al seguente link:
bit.ly/cfp-perinatologia-equina-25-26

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