Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Colorado

Effective July 1, 2026, the Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs Clinic will be a required class for PHCP certification. It must be completed prior to submitting the Final Media Presentation.

Day 1 — Advanced Anatomy and Morphology

Dissection and exploration of the internal and external structures of the foot.

We will start with a short review of anatomy; however, participants will benefit greatly from having a basic understanding of the internal and external structures of the foot prior to attending.

The dissection will be led by the instructor but students will be hands on in helping with the the different stages of the dissection. We will pick two to four hooves that have different morphologies. The number of hooves we dissect may vary depending on what we find and how long we spend with each one. We will compare the differences between healthy and unhealthy structures in each foot. We will learn how to visualize where our internal structures are positioned by reading external landmarks.

Examples of common pathologies we will see may include deep sulcus thrush affecting the frog corium, stretched weak lamina, white line infection, wall cracks, P3 remodeling that is visible externally, wall delamination, abscesses, and thin soles.

Use the converter to find your local time.

TYPE Hands-on

WITH Philip Himanka

WHERE Erie, CO

WHEN Jun 27, 2026 - Jun 28, 2026

COST \$350, \$450 nonmember

CREDITS 16

STATUS Active

All clinics

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Tennessee

Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Tennessee

A Fresh Look at Heel Anatomy

Wear Patterns, What They Really Mean

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Florida

Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner

Documenting Hoof Rehabilitation

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Colorado

WTF - What the founder?

Sustaining Your Hoof Care Business

Off to a Good Start: Trimming Foals



Participants will go home with the following abilities to:

- Assess the health of the soft tissue structures in the back of the foot (digital cushion, lateral cartilages, frog corium).
- Assess and accurately estimate sole depth and mediolateral balance.
- Assess palmar/plantar angles.
- Pinpoint the center of rotation of the coffin joint.
- Assess P3 position in relation to toe length.
- Read wear and loading patterns in untrimmed feet. We will speculate on whether the wear we see is static (postural) vs dynamic (created during movement).

Day 2 — Radiograph Guided Trimming and Dissection

To participate in Day 2 you must have attended Day 1 of this clinic.

We will use the assessment techniques learned in Day 1-Advanced Anatomy to make trimming decisions. We will do a basic intro to reading radiographs before we begin the exercise. Feet will be radiographed prior to trimming. We will be able to critically assess how our trim impacts the position of the hoof capsule in

Trimming Donkeys: Trimming Protocol, Hoof Distortion, and Laminitis

Feeding Performance Horses

Hands-on Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner

Recognizing and Understanding the Role of Pain in Structural and Functional Asymmetries

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – New York

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – California

Feeding Pregnant and Growing Horses

The Smart Way to Feed Horses

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Ouebec

Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Quebec

Feeding for Special Needs

Starting Your Hoof Care Business

Hyperinsulinemia, Laminitis, and PPID: Diagnosis and Management

How to Create and Manage Your Track System

Limb Conformation, Body Posture and Hoof Capsule Distortions

Collaboration Between Hoof Care Professionals & Equine Bodyworkers

Dr. Bowker on Sound versus Healthy Hooves

Changes in Coffin Bone Structure and Influence of Trimming

Dr. Tomas Teskey on the Equine Dental-Body Connection

Choosing and Fitting Hoof

relation to the bony column. Each participant will then complete a self guided dissection/exploration of their foot.



Prerequisites

- The PHCP Anatomy, Trimming, and Hoof Protection Clinic (or approved substitute outside coursework).
- A PHCP approved Radiographs class: PHCP's Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner clinic, a PHCP Reading Radiographs webinar, or Dr. Kellon's Basics of Radiographs online course.
- It is also highly recommended that Paige Poss and Jenny Edwards Anatomy of the Equine online class be completed before the clinic.

What to bring

If possible, students should bring their own tools (gloves, apron, nippers, rasp, knife, hoof pick, and stand) but we will have some to share.

If you have a cadaver leg of your own you would like to dissect with us please let us know and bring it along.

Boots

EMS (IR) and PPID: Diagnosis and Management

Paige Poss Explores Hoof Distortions and Hoof Related Pain

Utilizing Hoof Imaging in your Trimming Decisions

Equine Biosecurity; It's All About Prevention

Genetics of Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Laminitis Risk

Basics of Reading Radiographs

NRC Plus

Cushing's and Insulin Resistance

All of our educational offerings are open to the public.

Please bring your own lunch to eat on location. There are plenty of places to pick up prepared food in the area ahead of time. We will take an hour lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00.

Accommodations

Erie is a cute little town and the clinic is located north. Near by hotels (Longmont, Lafayette, Boulder), grocery shopping, and restaurants. Depending on your preferences and budget. Some students have found really sweet places to stay on Airbnb.

Travel

Denver International Airport is about a 30 minute drive. Use google maps for directions. Apple Maps won't quite get you there.

Most times it's cheaper to rent a car than Uber or Lyft. I encourage folks to coordinate with other clinic attendees for car rentals and hotels if you'd like to save on money. If you would like to explore this option, text me at 858-882-7209 and I will help put you in touch with other attendees who are also interested in sharing. There is enough parking in the back. Closer to the date I will email maps, weather forecast and more information.

Start time is 9:00am each day and we'll finish up at 5:00pm.



Philip Himanka is a PHCP certified practitioner, mentor and clinician. He also has the APF-I certification with the International Association of Professional Farriers. He has been applying glue-on hoof protection for over 10 years, has 2500+ trims on his books each year and has extensive rehabilitation experience. "I try to learn every day from every horse. I love to teach and help prospective practitioners to be successful."

Philip owns and operates Not Only Barefoot in Erie Colorado.

Sign up

- Day 1, Advanced Anatomy and Morphology, may be purchased and attended on its own. To attend day 2, Radiograph Guided Trimming and Dissection, you must attend day 1.
- Certified Practitioners auditing will receive 4 CE credits per day.
- Cancellations made one month in advance of the clinic start date will receive a full refund. Between a month out and two weeks in advance of the clinic, cancellations will receive a 50% refund.
- If the clinic itself is cancelled for any reason the student will receive a full refund.
- Purchasing refundable airline tickets is recommended.



\$100.00 - \$400.00

Participant status

Choose an option

Clinic day and audit options

Choose an option

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