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- Conformation; Foot Care; Lameness;
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For a complete course description and to register online, go to the Extended Studies Web site at www.ExtendedStudies.calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-2053.

Position vacancies

STATE: For a complete listing of employment opportunities for state staff and management positions, you can:

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Applications for job openings must be received by the Human Resources and Employee Equity office, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

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College of Agriculture helps prepare new FFA officers

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