



## **Call for Teaching Associates Corpus Christi, Texas**

The 2018-2019 US Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina. This course will take place over the fall of 2018 and the winter of 2019. Come join IVAS in teaching along the sunny coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

We are looking for Teaching Associates who are willing and able to teach the Equine and Canine Point Location Labs. This is a great opportunity to polish your TCM and acupuncture skills, by offering to share your knowledge and teach fellow veterinarians that are new to our modality.

### **Teaching Associates (TA) responsibilities include:**

- Participate and teach all required Canine and Equine International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) designated point locations and indications as listed and described in flash cards included in the course curriculum. Should any discrepancy occur as to the correct point location the TA Coordinator will make the final determination.
- Demonstrate the application of acupuncture and TCM theory on canine and/or equine patients in the point labs, to include the acquisition of a TCM history, examination, and facilitation and guidance of student needle placement. Teaching Associates need not be “proficient” in both species, although Teaching Associates should be comfortable in locating point locations in both species.
- Participate in online TA point review sessions.
- Participate in pre-session TA staff meetings for discussion of session goals usually scheduled the evening or day before the first day of each session.
- Assist the IVAS Teaching Associate Coordinator by helping to set-up and organize all student point labs.
- Participate in the IVAS Online forums to include answering student’s questions for the duration of the course.
- Review the case logs submitted by students as they are turned in for review. This will include reviewing Case logs up to 8 months after the course finishes.
- Be available for student questions regarding the practice of acupuncture and TCM throughout the duration of the course.

- Be able to adapt to unexpected changes in course material, structure, and schedules that may arise during the course.
- Provide at least five questions or more for the final exam database at the end of the course. Guidelines will be provided by IVAS.

**Teaching Associates will receive the following compensation:**

1. A total of \$500.00 US per Diem each session to be used towards meals, shuttles and other incidentals.
2. Your lodging will be paid for when shared with another Teaching Associate.
3. Round-trip economy air fare from the nearest major airport to your home to the Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP) will be paid for by IVAS. Or mileage at the IRS rate (currently US\$.545 per mile) if driving. **NOTE:** Mileage may not exceed the basic economy coach fare.
4. USB Drive containing Canine and Equine Points Flashcards and Course Notes.
5. Attendance of lectures when not actively performing Teaching Associates duties.
6. IVAS Continuing Education credit hours and RACE.
7. Knowledge and satisfaction that comes with sharing in educating other veterinarians on acupuncture and TCM.

**Course Session Dates in Corpus Christi, Texas:**

- **Session One – Online**
- **Session Two – October 17-20, 2018**
- **Session Three – November 14-17, 2018**
- **Session Four – January 9-12, 2019**

**Requirements to be a Teaching Associate:**

- **Applicant must commit to attend all three (3) onsite sessions of the course and the pre-session TA point reviews that are tentatively scheduled for the day prior to each session. Arriving early will be necessary for each session. Thus, arrival dates will likely be:**
  - **October 15**
  - **November 12**
  - **January 7**
- Applicant must be certified by either IVAS or the Chi Institute.
- Applicant must be a current IVAS Member and in good standing.
- If you are being called to share your knowledge and skills, want to be more involved with IVAS and are interested in becoming a Teaching Associate, please submit a professional CV and a written statement indicating your reasons for wanting to be a Teaching Associate to [office@ivas.org](mailto:office@ivas.org) no later than April 20, 2018.
- Candidates will receive a response from the IVAS Teaching Associate Coordinator by May 4, 2018.

All decisions for Teaching Associates will be made by the IVAS Teaching Associate Coordinator Nell Ostermeier DVM, CVA.