



International Veterinary Acupuncture Society

**“SETTING THE GLOBAL STANDARD IN
VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE SINCE 1974”**



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VETERINARY
ACUPUNCTURE**

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EVERY ONSITE SESSION!

A SUPERIOR COURSE

LEARN ACUPUNCTURE BY DOING ACUPUNCTURE!

In the IVAS Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture, students perform acupuncture on live animals on day one. Acupuncture should be a ‘hands on’ education; this allows our students to learn and understand acupuncture in the most personal and interactive way. By the end of the first on site session, you can start practicing acupuncture with basic needling techniques on your patients.

- ☯ The Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture taught by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) was the first comprehensive veterinary acupuncture course in the United States. We have been setting the global standard in veterinary acupuncture since 1974. Many of the Western World’s foremost veterinary acupuncturists have been certified by IVAS.
- ☯ Our instructors include a wide variety of professional backgrounds and clinical acupuncture experience in their daily practice. They will guide you to become a competent fellow acupuncture professional.
- ☯ Our course integrates a background in the fundamentals and application of the scientific basis of acupuncture, as well as a background in the fundamentals and applications of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and acupuncture. The US course provides a consistent, high quality comprehensive veterinary acupuncture training program. You will learn to integrate your acupuncture training and knowledge into your western medicine practice.
- ☯ Students have the option to focus on acupuncture for the treatment of small animals, equine or both.
- ☯ Consultation for student cases is provided through our instructors throughout the course and beyond.
- ☯ Additional 16 hours of mentored internship prior to taking the certification exams. During the 16 hour mentored internship, groups of students are presented live animals to diagnose, prepare a treatment plan and treat under the supervision of a mentor.
- ☯ The US IVAS course encourages vendors to attend to expose our students to a vast network of acupuncture supplies, equipment and books.



VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

Become immersed in the world of veterinary acupuncture. We offer a modern and flexible way to study veterinary acupuncture at the highest level of quality. We are proud that we have plenty of the much-needed-hands-on experience with live patients throughout our course.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

You will get the confidence you need to offer this modality to your clients and patients. The educational program provides acupuncture study and its clinical application for small animal, equine, avian and exotic species. Our acupuncture course allows the veterinarian to concentrate their learning experience toward small animal, equine or both. During the hands-on labs small animal veterinarians need not touch or learn the equine points and equine veterinarians need not touch or learn the canine points; the opportunity to acquire valuable clinical information on both equine and small animals is provided during lectures. The student will be prepared to begin integrating acupuncture into their practice immediately.

The course is divided into five sessions (one online and four onsite) that include over 96 hours of didactic lectures, and 64 hours of supervised acupoint location laboratories and live demonstrations. Lectures begin with the anatomic, physiologic and historical aspects of acupuncture. Patient assessment and diagnosis are done from both a clinically western perspective and a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) approach. With a solid background in the varied integration of evidence-based and TCM acupuncture theory, assessment, and treatment methods, the curriculum provides clinically useful ways to integrate the different approaches of acupuncture into your veterinary practice.

The laboratories teach hands-on palpation skills and acupoint locations, as well as exposure to different methods of patient assessment and treatment by experienced clinicians with live patients. Demonstrations of acupuncture equipment such as needles, moxibustion, aquapuncture, electro acupuncture and cold lasers are done throughout the course.

In modern and busy times, we want our students to benefit from our online learning platform. Included in the tuition is our IVAS online learning classroom. Online sections cover Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine, Pertinent Anatomy, and pre-recorded lectures. The aid of the online information will allow you to be more prepared for the on-site sessions of the course. Also included online are palpation tip videos for both canine and equine; online study guides, self-assessment activities and quizzes between sessions.

Graduates of the IVAS Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture are prepared for a more advanced study of veterinary acupuncture from either a scientific or Traditional Chinese Medicine perspective.



REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

The purpose of this course is to provide a basic education in veterinary acupuncture theory and practical skills.

- ☯ Licensed veterinarian in good standing.
- ☯ Attendance and completion of all sessions of the course.
- ☯ Attendance at the 16 hour mentored internship.
- ☯ Passing score of 70% or above on the written and practical examinations.
- ☯ If focusing on small animals the student will only need to complete the canine practical examination and will be tested on 20 canine acupuncture points. There will be two 10 point exams and each exam must be passed with 70% or above.
- ☯ If focusing on equine the student will only need to complete the equine practical examination and will be tested on 20 equine acupuncture points. There will be two 10 point exams and each exam must be passed with 70% or above.
- ☯ If the student is focusing on both equine and small animals the student will need to complete both the canine and equine practical exams. The student will be tested on 10 points for the canine and 10 points for the equine and achieve a passing score of 70% or above on both practical exams.
- ☯ Submission of a case log book documenting a minimum of 10 cases.
- ☯ Submission and passing score of one peer-reviewed case report.
- ☯ Upon completion of the requirements for certification the veterinarian will be classified as certified in small animal or equine veterinary acupuncture. Those individuals that choose to focus on both small animal and equine will be dual certified.



PREREQUISITES

Attendees of the IVAS Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture must be a licensed veterinarian, or a third or fourth-year veterinary student. Proof of veterinary license or attendance at an accredited veterinary university is required.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE IVAS CERTIFICATION COURSE IN VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

- ☯ The IVAS Course has 160+ hours of lectures, demonstrations and acupoint location labs, online pre-recorded lectures, reviews, quizzes, and more. Plus, an additional 16 hours of an intense mentored internship.
- ☯ There is one session online, and each of the four onsite sessions will start early and end late each day. (12-hour days).
- ☯ You will be sitting on the floor for live canine acupoint labs and case work-up demonstrations.
- ☯ You will be standing for an extended period during the equine acupoint labs and case work-up demonstrations, which will be held at a local facility.
- ☯ You should always dress for comfort. Classrooms tend to be a little cooler, so dressing in layers is recommended. At the facilities, you could be standing at length in the sun or cold weather. Inside or out, dress for the weather and for comfort. It is easy to remove a sweater or coat, but difficult to warm up if you don't have one. Closed toe and heel shoes are required for the equine labs – no clogs or sandals.
- ☯ It is common for a student attending the IVAS course to be overwhelmed at first by the amount of information received. Rest easy, for as the course progresses it will start to sink in and make sense.
- ☯ Bring pens and paper. You will want to take notes throughout the course.
- ☯ IVAS will keep in touch with you before and during the entire course. You will receive updates, payment reminders, your username and password for the online portions of the course, and other important information. We do this via email, so it is very important to keep the IVAS office informed of all changes to your email address, mailing address, name change, etc.

Western Acupuncture:

- ☯ Small Animal Applications for: Musculoskeletal, Dermatological, Gastrointestinal, Immunological and Cardiovascular
- ☯ Intervertebral Disc Disease
- ☯ Small Animal Urinary Problems
- ☯ Avian and Exotic Acupuncture
- ☯ Large Animal – Equine Acupuncture
- ☯ General Neurophysiology and Applied Neurology
- ☯ Incorporating Acupuncture into Your Practice
- ☯ Legal Aspects & Dealing with Failures
- ☯ Electro acupuncture

Traditional Chinese Medicine:

- ☯ Fundamental Substances
- ☯ Zang Fu Pathology
- ☯ Zang Fu Organs
- ☯ Causes of Disease
- ☯ Special Action Points
- ☯ The Circadian Clock
- ☯ The Eight Principles
- ☯ TCM Clinical Applications
- ☯ Bi and Wei Syndrome
- ☯ The Five Phases (Elements)
- ☯ Acupuncture Points and Meridians
- ☯ Empirical Point Use & TCM Applications

Miscellaneous:

- ☯ Overview of the Course & Chinese Acupuncture
- ☯ History of Acupuncture & Discussion (case reports, problems, etc.)
- ☯ Practical Canine & Equine Laboratories
- ☯ TCM Case Work up
- ☯ 16 Hours of mentored internship
- ☯ Online forum for posting and getting help with cases

I GOT THROUGH THE COURSE, COMPLETED MY INTERNSHIP AND PASSED ALL THE EXAMS - NOW WHAT?

The most difficult part of becoming a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) is done. Submission and approval of your ten case logs and one peer-reviewed case report is all that is left to become a CVA. You are encouraged to work on these requirements while attending the course. The amount of time it takes to become certified is completely up to you. Some become certified in one month, others become certified years after completing the course and passing their exams. It is MUCH easier to complete the requirements sooner rather than later.

IVAS will be there for you. Keeping up your membership in IVAS will keep you up-to-date with our latest news and information and continue your relationships with like-minded colleagues. You can review our newsletters; get current canine and equine flash cards and Course Notes; have access to our online forum for posting questions and comments on a case; and much more. The IVAS annual Congress, which is held in the USA and various locations around the world, is a great way to keep up on your IVAS Continuing Education and remain current in integrative medicine. You also become a part of an international community. By going to the IVAS website you can find continuing education opportunities and acupuncture meetings around the world, and as an IVAS member you receive discounts to all IVAS events.



The Mission of IVAS is to provide, promote and support veterinary acupuncture and related treatment modalities through quality basic, advanced and continuing education, internationally recognized certification for veterinarians and responsible research.



Here is what people are saying about the IVAS Course!

“I learned so much through the IVAS US Veterinary Acupuncture Certification Course. I feel very prepared to offer acupuncture for my patients and am already making a difference in their lives.”

After watching a case work-up during the first session:

“No way should acupuncture work this fast!”

“The lecturers are highly skilled and experienced and have diverse experiences to share.”

“I am very pleased that I decided to take this course, my only regret... I did not take this 10 years ago.”

“Fabulous course – definitely am recommending this course to all veterinarians that ask me where I got my training.”

“This course met my expectations and then some. Love the integration of the Chinese theory with the western medicine rationale.”

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