



Setting the Global Standard in Veterinary Acupuncture Since 1974

IVAS Online Introduction to Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine for Veterinary Support Staff

Learn from the comfort of your home or office. Do you work in an integrative practice, or have a desire to learn more about acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)? This online course is designed for veterinary technicians and support staff currently working in clinics, or desiring to work in a clinic, where acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) are practiced.

This online course will introduce the participant to acupuncture, TCM, and other modalities such as Tui-na and Food Therapy. After completion of this introductory course, the participant will have the tools and increased ability to promote and support an integrative practice. The ability to diagnose and treat an animal with acupuncture or TCVM will not be covered in this course, which is reserved for trained veterinarians.

To register you will need to be a Licensed Veterinary Technician, unlicensed veterinary technician, and/or support staff on recommendation from their current employer. This course is also open to veterinary technician students and veterinary students desiring an introduction to acupuncture and TCM.

Upon completion of this course, the attendee will be able to:

- Better assist a certified veterinary acupuncturist in their clinic to increase efficiency.
- Explain how acupuncture works from both a TCM and western scientific perspective.
- Assist the veterinarian and clinic in communicating the benefits of acupuncture and related modalities to the client.
- Understand TCM fundamental principles such as Yin-Yang Theory, Zang-Fu, Five Elements, Causes of Diseases, etc.
- Explain TCM Food Therapy recommendations to a client based on their veterinarian's TCM diagnosis and recommendation.
- Demonstrate to a pet owner how to perform some basic Tui-na techniques on their pets based on the veterinarian's recommendations.
- Engage the team, increase client communication and marketing.
- Look at a patient more holistically.

Included in the course tuition fee:

- Access to the online learning platform for three months
- Pre-recorded lectures, quizzes, and worksheet
- Course Notes
- Support via online discussion forum
- TCM Food Therapy Chart
- Final online quiz
- Certificate of Completion

Attendees are expected to complete the entire online course and all required assessments within three months. This online introductory course is approved for 8 hours of RACE. To receive RACE hours the attendee is required to pass each quiz with a score of 70% or greater.

Topics Covered:

Western Acupuncture:

- Basic Neurophysiology of Pain and Acupuncture
- Electro Acupuncture, Moxibustion, and Laser Acupuncture
- Acupuncture Points of Merit

Traditional Chinese Medicine:

- TCM History Taking and Exam
- Yin-Yang Theory
- Fundamental Substances
- Zang Fu Organs
- Causes of Disease (external and internal pathogenic factors)
- The Circadian Clock and the 12 Meridians
- The Eight Principles
- Five Elements
- Tui-Na (Chinese Massage) Techniques to Teach Clients
- Basic TCM Food Therapy
- Introduction to Chinese Herbal Medicine

Miscellaneous:

- History of Acupuncture
- Integrative Team Engagement
- Client Communication and Marketing

