



Maryland University of Integrative Health

Professional Development Certificate in Animal Acupuncture

March 20 – September 27, 2015

Have you considered expanding your acupuncture practice to include animal patients?

For more than 17 years, Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) has been teaching the nation's only state-approved, university-based certificate in animal acupuncture. This unique program is developed specifically for licensed acupuncturists and enables you to offer animal patients a powerful and complementary modality for health and healing.

More and more people are experiencing the extraordinary healing possibilities of Chinese medicine. It's natural that they are now seeking the same treatment for their animal companions. This certificate gives you the opportunity to broaden your knowledge and skill base for a growing niche market and is designed for people who have a passion for working with animals and their owners.

This program only runs every two or three years and space is limited. If treating animals is part of your future, consider joining the upcoming class.

Program Highlights

- The most established animal acupuncture program for licensed acupuncturists in the nation and the only one on the east coast
- Meets Maryland Board of Acupuncture Animal Acupuncture Certification requirements
- Interdisciplinary faculty of seasoned animal acupuncturists and veterinarians
- Rigorous small animal and equine veterinary curriculum includes anatomy, physiology, handling and restraint, veterinary emergencies, and diseases
- Rich clinical experience that prepares participants to apply for state certification
- Flexible weekend format designed for practicing acupuncturists
- Payment plans available
- Approved for 210 Continuing Education Units

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Program Goals

- Fosters the ability to formulate safe and effective responses with acupuncture treatments for animal-patients
- Facilitates progress in clinical skills including diagnosis, formula planning, treatment delivery, and animal-patient management
- Manages progress from treating animals under close faculty supervision to working independently

Course Descriptions

Small Animal Veterinary Medicine

Small Animal Veterinary Medicine covers the comparative functional anatomy and physiology of small animals, animal handling, restraint, veterinary emergencies, and knowledge of the Maryland Animal Acupuncture Law. In addition, participants are introduced to small animal diseases and zoonotics and learn to recognize the presenting symptoms of conditions and diseases that require the immediate attention of a veterinary practitioner.

Equine Veterinary Medicine

Equine Veterinary Medicine covers the comparative functional anatomy and physiology of equines, equine handling, restraint, and veterinary emergencies. In addition, participants are introduced to equine animal diseases and zoonotics and learn to recognize the presenting symptoms of conditions and diseases that require the immediate attention of a veterinary practitioner.

Animal Acupuncture

Animal Acupuncture describes and analyzes acupuncture theories and principles applicable to small animals and horses. Participants practice point location and begin to treat their own animal-patients with faculty supervision. Additionally, they observe treatment of other animals provided as class demonstrations.

Licensure and Practice

This program meets the requirements for Maryland licensed acupuncturists to apply to the Maryland Board of Acupuncture for Animal Acupuncture Certification, and meets or exceeds the requirements for certification/licensing in other states (where applicable). In order to receive the certification from the state of Maryland, you must:

- Pass the course examinations given in this program
- Complete the clinical hours and number of treatments required for this program

If you are a licensed acupuncturist outside of Maryland, please check with your current state acupuncture board to determine whether animal acupuncture is in the scope of practice.

Instructors

Noreen Javornik, M.S., M.Ac., L.Ac., has a M.S. degree from Ohio State University and a M.Ac. from Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Maryland University of Integrative Health). Noreen is a national leader in the field of animal acupuncture and has taught in MUIH's Master of Acupuncture program since 1997. She was involved in establishing the program and has been both directing and teaching since its inception. Noreen maintains a people and animal acupuncture practice in Laurel, Maryland.

Kris Covert, D.V.M., graduated from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in January, 2008. After a six-month position at the New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania, as a large animal ophthalmology intern, she completed a one-year small animal medicine, emergency, and surgical internship at Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington, D.C. In 2010, Kris rescued a 2-year-old thoroughbred gelding named "Elliott" from Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Woodbine, Maryland. Over the last four years, Kris and Elliott have been working hard at eventing and are enjoying fox hunting this fall. Kris currently practices small animal medicine at North Laurel Animal Hospital and continues her equine medicine education. On many occasions, she has been a liaison between the equine veterinary services and the staff at the Columbia Horse Center in Columbia, Maryland, where she continues to learn and keep her skills sharp.



Rebecca S. Douglass, L.Ac., C.Eq.D.T., has a strong background in equine science and animal behavior. In addition, she is a graduate of the Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Tai Sophia Institute (now Maryland University of Integrative Health) animal acupuncture program, and the American School of Equine Dentistry. Rebecca has been practicing acupuncture on horses for 10 years, equine dentistry for 15 years, and riding and training horses for over 30 years. She has taught in the MUIH animal acupuncture program since 2008 and continues to immerse herself in all aspects of animal care.

Mikahla Insalaco Jestes, M.Ac., L.Ac., has a Master of Acupuncture and an animal acupuncture certificate from Tai Sophia Institute (now Maryland University of Integrative Health). She started riding horses at age four and continues today. From nine to 18 years of age, she was in 4-H, and at nine years old she bought her own horse and took the responsibility for her care. In adulthood she rode, trained, and competed professionally. Mikahla has also participated in many clinics with Olympic-level riders to further her horsemanship. She is currently in private practice at Points in Balance Acupuncture where she sees both animal and human patients.

Pema Choepel Mallu, M.Ac., D.V.M., C.V.A., L.Ac., has practiced veterinary medicine since graduating from Ohio State University in 1977. She was certified through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 1988 and practices traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture, and Chinese herbology. During the 1980s, Pema also completed extensive training in energy healing. In December 2010, she completed the Master of Acupuncture from Tai Sophia Institute (now Maryland University of Integrative Health). Pema is a licensed acupuncturist and sees both human and animal patients. Through Holistic Veterinary Healing in Germantown, Maryland, she offers a variety of both holistic and conventional medical services in a caring environment.

Randi Sobel, M.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., is a graduate of Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Maryland University of Integrative Health) and its animal acupuncture program. She completed her M.A. in Thanatology at Hood College. Randi maintains a full-time human and animal acupuncture practice in Baltimore, Maryland, and has been teaching in the MUIH animal acupuncture program since 2004.

Program Format and Schedule

The program is offered in 13 two- and three-day weekend sessions over a seven month period, March through September 2015. Classes are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, or at the same times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The certificate consists of a total of 210 hours and meets the format and length requirements for approval by the Maryland Board of Acupuncture.

2015 SCHEDULE

Small Animal Veterinary Medicine

March 20, 21 and 22

April 11 and 12

Small Animal Acupuncture

May 2 and 3

May 16 and 17

May 30 and 31

June 13 and 14

June 27 and 28

July 11 and 12

July 25 and 26

August 8 and 9

Equine Veterinary Medicine

August 28, 29 and 30

Equine Acupuncture

September 12 and 13

September 26 and 27



Eligibility

Participants in MUIH's Certificate in Animal Acupuncture must be currently licensed as an acupuncturist in the state in which he/she practices.

As you consider this program, it is important that you examine your comfort level with small animals and horses. In this program, you will work with animals in a healing way – and it is essential to do so in a manner that is safe for you, the animal, and the owner. You must be prepared to experience and handle all aspects of animal behavior.



Tuition and Fees

Tuition: \$6,000

A \$200 deposit is required with your application to reserve your space in the class. This fee is applied to your tuition. The deposit will be fully refunded if you are not accepted.

For your convenience, the tuition may be paid in four payments of \$1450 each. The first payment is due on March 1, 2015. The remaining three payments are due on April 1, June 1, and August 1.

Additional course fees should not exceed \$500 and include several required and recommended books. Participants are also responsible for their own scrubs, acupuncture needles, towels, sheets, and other supplies needed for the clinical portion. Details of these expenses will be discussed prior to the start of clinical experiences.

Application

To apply for this program, please visit www.muih.edu for an online or PDF application. Applications require a brief essay, a copy of your current acupuncture license, and a \$200 tuition deposit.

Submissions will be reviewed in order of receipt, and will receive notification of your status within two weeks by email.

CEUs

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For Additional Information

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