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The Association of Veterinary Acupuncturists of Canada (AVAC) is pleased to announce the Basic Veterinary Acupuncture Certification Course to be held in 2017 - 2018 at the Michener Institute in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

****This course is IVAS ACCREDITED****

This is a post graduate course for licensed Veterinarians. The program is comprised of four sessions, each consisting of four and one-half days of lecture and labs, followed by a fifth session which includes two days of mentoring/hands-on practical labs and two days of the "International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS)" written and practical examinations, including both canine and equine components.

All lectures are in English but French speakers and TA's will be present.
More information will be available soon.

Dates: (Tuesday-Saturday)

Session I: October 31- November 4, 2017

Session II: November 28 – December 2, 2017

Session III: January 30 - February 3, 2018

Session IV: February 27 - March 3, 2018

Session V: Mentoring/wet labs (2 days) and Exam (2 days) April 11-14, 2018

*Students must attend all five sessions including the mentoring/wet labs

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COURSE IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST ACCEPTED BASIS, WITH FULLY COMPLETED AND PREPAID REGISTRATION. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED.

Fees:

Course fee for the series of 5 sessions including the examination is:

Early registration: (until March 31st, 2017) \$7295

Regular registration (until September 15th, 2017) \$7995

Registration includes a Non-refundable deposit of \$995.

If registration and deposit received **on or before March 31, 2017** the remaining course fee is \$6300 to be paid in full by July 31st.

If registration and deposit is received **after March 31, 2017** the remaining course fee is \$7000 to be paid in full by July 31st.

The registration fee includes: all course materials, IVAS exam and certification fees, a one year membership in AVAC and IVAS (These memberships will run from registration through June 30, 2018), breakfast and refreshments.

Personal or company cheques in Canadian funds and money orders are accepted.

CHOOSE YOUR FOCUS OF STUDY: This will be for your IVAS Certification. AVAC offers the ability to specialize your area of focus for your certification. You may choose to focus on small animals, equine or both. Your area of focus will determine your certification and you will need to choose this when you register for the course. This allows AVAC to tailor the hands-on labs for your area of study. IVAS and AVAC do recommend a focus on both small and large animals as this affords you the greatest opportunities in the future. See below for more information on certification.

Registration:

You can download the registration form here:

OR

Complete the on-line form here:

If you register on-line you will receive a confirmation e-mail but you will still need to send via post the deposit, copy of your veterinary license and photo.

You must include with your registration:

- **\$995 Non-refundable deposit (cheque or money order) in Canadian funds made out to “AVAC”**
- **a copy of your current veterinary license**
- **a quality head shot (e.g. passport) photo of yourself. The photo is used in a roster for all students, teaching associates, lecturers and AVAC staff in order to help everyone associate names with faces.**

Registration to be mailed to:

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Prerequisites

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

Requirements for Certification

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

- Licensed veterinarian in good standing
- Attendance at all four sessions of the course
- Attendance at the two day (16 hour) mentored internship
- Passing score of 70% or above on both the written and practical examinations. The written exam does cover all species, including BOTH canine and equine

- 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 and pass 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 and pass 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

What to expect from the AVAC sponsored IVAS Certification Course in Veterinary Acupuncture

- The AVAC course has 160+ hours of classroom lectures, demonstrations and acupoint location labs, review sessions and more. Plus an additional 16 hours of intense mentored internship. You can expect to start early and end late each day.
- The first 4 sessions will end at noon on Saturday to allow you ample time to travel back home.
- 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 of time during the equine acupoint labs and case work-up demonstrations, which will be held at a local horse facility.
- You should dress for comfort. Classrooms tend to be a little cooler so dressing in layers is recommended. At the horse facilities you could be standing for periods in cooler 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.
- You may be overwhelmed the first few days of the course by the amount of information you will receive. Rest easy, as by the end of the first session it will start to sink in and make sense.
- Bring pen and paper. You may want to take notes throughout the 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 all species. While small animal veterinarians need not touch or learn the horse points and equine veterinarians need not touch or learn the canine points, there will still be the opportunity to learn both the equine and small animal points. The student will be prepared to begin integrating acupuncture into their practice immediately.

The course is divided into four sessions that include over 96 hours of didactic lectures, and 64 hours of supervised acupoint location labs and live demonstrations. Classroom lectures begin with the anatomical, 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. Demonstration of acupuncture equipment such as needles, moxibustion, aquapuncture, electroacupuncture and cold lasers are done throughout the course. Each session includes a Teaching Associate review.

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.

We reserve the right to make changes to program availability, schedules and requirements and correct any typographical or printing errors.