

AN 216
Animal Human Bond
3 Credits

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Calendar Description

The human animal bond is an essential component of utilizing animals in a variety of settings. This course covers the history of the human animal bond, the physiological and psychological components of the human animal bond, and the benefits the human animal bond provides to both humans and animals. As well, an understanding of animal welfare and ethical considerations involved when animals are partnered with people is covered.

Rationale

This is a required course for the Animal Assisted Wellness certificate. It is essential that students in the Animal Assisted Wellness certificate have a strong understanding of what the human animal bond is, and why it is so important. Students need to also have an appreciation for the animal welfare involved in maintaining the human animal bond, and ethical considerations to be considered when animals are involved in human intervention.

Prerequisites

None

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. discuss the history of animal relationships and how they have led to the concept of the human animal bond.
2. describe the societal values, beliefs and attitudes that have affected and continue to affect the idea of the human animal bond.
3. explain the concept of the human animal bond, and the terminology associated with it.
4. examine their own understanding of the human animal bond, and the importance of animals in their lives.
5. discuss the ethical considerations when practitioners partner with animals to help others.

6. discuss the history of animal welfare in the world, and how it is evolving.
7. identify and define terms related to animal welfare.
8. investigate current animal welfare issues which specifically affect the work with animals in animal assisted wellness settings.
9. advocate for the animals in their role as wellness or educational partners.

Resource Materials

Required Textbook(s):

None

Reference Textbook(s):

None

Conduct of Course

This course consists of 45 hours of lecture and is conducted using the D2L web based platform for online learning. Materials are made available to students each week, followed by interactive discussion forums and relevant assignments. Examination of materials is also a component of the course, and may take place as online quizzes.

Evaluation Procedures

Evaluation	% out of 100
Discussion Assignments	20
Project	20
Midterm Exam	25
Final Written exam	30
Participation	5

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Grade Equivalents and Course Pass Requirements

A minimum grade of D (50%) (1.00) is required to pass this course.

Letter	F	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Percent Range	0-49	50-52	53-56	57-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-100
Points	0.00	1.00	1.30	1.70	2.00	2.30	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.00

Students must maintain a cumulative grade of C (GPA - Grade Point Average of 2.00) in order to qualify to graduate.

Attendance

Because this course is on-line, attendance is demonstrated by keeping up with readings and assignments, participation in dialogue on the discussion board and completing course work and assignments to the satisfaction of the instructor. Assignments and exams are completed within the timeline specified by the instructor.

In cases where illness impedes participation, the student may be requested to submit a medical certificate.

Course Units/Topics

1. The human animal bond prequel
2. History of the human animal bond
3. The human animal bond today
4. The physiology and psychology of the human animal bond
5. Ethical considerations of the human animal bond
6. An introduction to partnering with animals in animal assisted wellness
7. When the human animal bond is broken
8. The history of animal welfare
9. What is animal welfare today
10. Animal welfare as it pertains to the human animal bond and animal assisted wellness.



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