

AN 224
Animals in Practice
3 Credits

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Calendar Description

This course provides detailed information about the many ways animals are currently being partnered with people to help them. Also about the animals' proper titles depending on the type of work they are doing. The common species of animals typically partnered with in AAI are discussed as well as details about their language and behavior and things you are expected to know if partnering with them in your work. How to choose a wellness or intervention animal is discussed as well as the process of having it screened and certified to work with you. The general ethics of handling animals in practice are addressed.

Rationale

This is a required course for the Animal Assisted Wellness certificate.

This course provides details of what we require to partner with animals to help others. It is important to understand the difference of the many types of assistance animals along with gaining knowledge of the most common species. There are many ethical considerations in partnering with animals that you, as the animal handler, are required to know.

Ensuring your animal is suited to you and your profession is also imperative and this course provides information for you to consider in making those choices.

Prerequisites

None

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

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

1. articulate the titles, tasks and rights of the many animals currently in the assistance industry.

2. identify the common species partnered with in animal assisted interventions.
3. discuss the language, normal and stressed behavior of animals most often found in animal assisted interventions.
4. make informed decisions about choosing a wellness or intervention animal.
5. outline the screening and certification process of animals in interventions.
6. discuss the ethical auspices of handling intervention / wellness animals.

Resource Materials

Required Textbook(s):

Fine, A. H. (2019). *Handbook on animal-assisted therapy: Foundations and guidelines for animal-assisted interventions* (5th ed.). Academic Press.

<http://ezproxy.avc.talonline.ca/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=cat00496a&AN=neos.8674524&site=eds-live>

Reference Textbook(s):

None

Conduct of Course

This course includes online lecture, discussions via discussion boards, videos, PowerPoint presentations with embedded audio clips, videos and assignments to deliver the course content. Self-study using referenced texts and articles is recommended. Participation is necessary

Evaluation Procedures

The requirement for marks in this course consists of assignments, a midterm exam, a final exam and participation.

Midterm exam	30%
Assignments	30%
Final exam	35%
Participation	<u>5%</u>
Total	100%

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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.

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

Course Units/Topics

- A. Types of assistance animals – titles, tasks and rights
- B. Common species in animal assisted interventions
- C. Language and behavior of common species in animal assisted interventions
- D. Choosing an assistance animal
- E. Screening and certification of assistance animals
- F. Handling assistance animals – considerations for and ethics



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