



National Academy of Animal Acupuncture

ANIMAL ACUPUNCTURE COURSE SCHEDULE

September 5, 2026 – April 18, 2027

Module 1 EQUINE – September 5th & 6th [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

In the first module, the historical perspective of acupuncture in relation to healing animals is introduced. The current practice of acupuncture on animals will be covered, including legal status for various states. We will discuss equine anatomy, and ethics. Proper and safe handling of horses will be introduced as well as Equine Conditions & Diseases. **Review of Syllabus.**

Module 1 Review & Quiz Sunday September 13th - 2 hours

Module 2 EQUINE - September 19th & 20th [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

Equine Conditions & Diseases (cont.) Topics include equine nutrition, zoonotic diseases, equine conformation, and basics of the passive and active exams. A discussion of transposed points. Acupuncture Points on the Horse. This will include the indications of use for each point.

Module 2 Review & Quiz Sunday September 27th - 2 hours

Module 3 EQUINE - October 3rd & 4th [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

Equine Conditions & Treatment Protocols

Module 3 Review & Quiz Sunday October 11th - 2 hours

Module 4 CANINE - October 17th & 18th [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

The first day will cover dog anatomy, terminology and physical exam details. The second day will cover nutrition, the safe handling of dogs, Canine Physical Exam & Introduction to Diseases [Western medicine].

Module 4 Review & Quiz Sunday October 25th - 2 hours

MODULE 5 CANINE November 7th & 8th [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

Acupuncture Points on the Dog

Module 5 Review & Quiz Sunday November 15th - 2 hours



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MODULE 6 - CANINE November 21st & 22nd [Sat & Sun] 6 hours each day

Canine Conditions & Treatment Protocols

Module 6 Review & Quiz Sunday November 29th - 2 hours

MODULE 7 - EQUINE & CANINE Clinicals - December 4th -6th [7 hours/day] [Live In person]

There will be a demonstration with diagnosis and treatment according to Traditional Medicine. Clinic will include safe animal handling, passive & active physical exam, point location and needle insertion.

Module 7 Equine Review Sunday December 13th - 2 hours

Module 7 Canine Review Sunday December 20th – 2 hours

MODULE 8 – EQUINE & CANINE Clinicals – January 15th – 17th [7 hours/day]- [Live In person]

Equine & canine handling, safety and communication. The passive and active exams will be continued. Landmark identification and point location will be continued. Use of lasers will be introduced. Diagnosis according to TCM principles. Students will be identifying points, treating and preparing treatment plans.

Module 8 Equine Review Sunday January 24th - 2 hours

Module 8 Canine Review Sunday January 31st - 2 hours

MODULE 9 - EQUINE & CANINE Clinicals – February 19th – 21st [7 hours/day] [Live - In Person]

Equine and canine handling, safety and equine communication, the passive and active exams will be continued. Landmark identification and point location will be continued. Diagnosis according to TCM principles. Students will be identifying points, treating and preparing complete treatment plans.

Module 9 - Equine Review Sunday February 28th - 2 hours

Module 9 – Canine Review Sunday March 7th - 2 hours



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MODULE 10 - EQUINE & CANINE Clinicals – March 12th – 14th [7 hours/day] [Live - In Person]

Students will be diagnosing according to Traditional Medicine. Students will be identifying points, treating and preparing complete treatment plans.

Module 10 - Equine Final Review Sunday March 21st - 3 hours

Module 10 – Canine Final Review Sunday March 28th - 3 hours

MODULE 11 – EQUINE & CANINE Clinical Exams, Written Exams & Presentations April 16th – 18th [Live - In Person]

In the final module, students will be taking a practical exam where they will be given an animal to observe, evaluate and treat.

- On the first day, one group will be treating horses while the other group treats dogs.
- On day 2, these groups will switch. This will involve Observation, Examination and Treatment. Each student will be given a specific time to take their Practical/Clinical Exam. Students not taking their exam are encouraged to review on other horses while waiting.
- On day 3, the written exam will be in the morning. Presentations will be done following the written exam.

Day 1 – Alpha Equine Final Clinical Exam, Omega Canine Final Clinical Exam

Day 2 – Alpha Canine Final Clinical Exam, Omega Equine Final Clinical Exam

Day 3 – Final Written ABAA Exam and Presentations

Total hours = 210

Didactic = 72 hours [36 Equine & 36 Canine]

Online Review = 30 hours [15 Equine & 15 Canine]

Clinicals = 86 hours [Equine & Canine combined]

Case Study Research = 18 hours

Case Study Presentations = 4 hours