MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS



I have to say, I've really enjoyed the MAV- Technician Course, it was a challenging yet rewarding experience. Dr. Robinson was very informative and not only provided many resources about the benefits of acupuncture, but gave me greater insight of Veterinary Medical Acupuncture.

-Kelsey Begay, VT

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3 CE Hours

SCIENCE HAS ARRIVED.

UNDERSTAND HOW ACUPUNCTURE WORKS.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Dr. Narda Robinson designed this course to prepare veterinary technicians in assisting veterinarians and educating clients about how medical acupuncture improves comfort and restores function. Veterinary nurses and technicians are perfectly positioned, between the public and the profession, to cultivate awareness of rational, effective, and science-based integrative medical approaches.

Course Length:

- 3 hours, RACE and NYSED approved

Course Requirements:

- Internet connection
- Access to the Litmos learning management system (opens to new enrollees following admission to the program)



Course Structure:

Students access the course online through the Litmos learning management system. Students receive their login information upon enrollment.

Technical Assistance

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with Litmos, please contact us at Info@curacore.org.

OPTIONAL TEXT

Lindley S, Cummings M. *Essentials of Western Veterinary Acupuncture*. ISBN: 978-1-4051-2990-9, 208 pages. May 2006, Wiley-Blackwell.

NOTE: Our curriculum evolves as new information becomes available. The material contained herein is thus subject to change as needed in order to optimize your education.

COURSE GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

We seek to educate veterinary technicians on the mechanisms of action, indications, technical aspects, and evidential support related to medical acupuncture. Our objectives include the following:

- Develop a scientific understanding of how acupuncture works.
- Compare and contrast medical acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).
- List the common indications for acupuncture in the veterinary setting.
- Describe the risks of medical acupuncture for the patient, client, and staff.
- Become acquainted with electroacupuncture units and how they operate.
- Respond to client inquiries with confidence and from an informed perspective.
- Learn how to search the scientific medical databases for evidence concerning medical acupuncture and related techniques.

Course participants will meet the objectives listed above through a combination of self-paced activities such as watching videos, completing reading assignments, and successfully passing assessments.



TOPICS COVERED

- How acupuncture fits into a veterinary practice
- What is western medical acupuncture?
- How does medical acupuncture compare to metaphorical medicine?
- The neurophysiology of acupuncture
- The anatomy of acupuncture
- Neurobiological mechanisms of acupuncture
- The canine myofascial evaluation
- Needle size selection (diameter, length)
- Trigger point deactivation – methods and mechanisms
- Electroacupuncture units – how they work
- How to respond to client questions
- Top 10 ways to respond to integrative medicine skeptics
- How to search for scientific articles on acupuncture
- Legality of veterinary technicians practicing acupuncture

GRADING POLICY/ACTIVITIES

Course participants must achieve a passing grade (>70%) on each assessment in order to complete that portion of the course. Multiple choice questions will be automatically graded by Litmos. Dr. Robinson will grade free text answers. Students can retake assessments as many times as needed.

Length of Access to Course
Each student has 8 weeks from the time of registration to complete the program. If a student requires additional time, a fee may be imposed. There are no refunds once the student has enrolled, even if the student does not complete the program.

Viewing Grades in Litmos
Outcomes of graded activities will appear on Litmos once evaluated, whether automatically for multiple choice questions or by Dr. Robinson, who grades assessments.

YOUR INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE JOURNEY STARTS HERE

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Narda G. Robinson, DO, DVM, MS, CRPM, FAAMA is a leading authority on scientific integrative medicine from a One Health perspective, with decades of experience practicing, teaching, and writing about integrative medical approaches in both veterinary and human osteopathic medicine. In 1998, Dr. Robinson launched Colorado State University's first integrative medicine service and for eight years directed CSU's Center for Comparative and Integrative Pain Medicine. Dr. Robinson continues to teach a variety of scientifically based programs, including anatomy, medical acupuncture, photomedicine, integrative rehabilitation, botanical medicine, and massage.

Dr. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree from Harvard/Radcliffe, a doctorate in osteopathic medicine (DO) from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a doctorate in veterinary medicine (DVM) and master's degree in biomedical sciences (MS) from the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is a fellow within the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA) and serves on the American Board of Medical Acupuncture, the board-certifying organization for physician medical acupuncturists.

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