



THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE  
OF EASTERN MEDICINE

## Animal Acupuncture and Massage Online Course Units

Unit	Subject	Cost
Unit 1	Oriental Medicine Theory	\$650
Unit 2	Meridian Theory and Point Location	\$650
Unit 3	Animal Shiatsu	\$650
Unit 4	Differential Diagnosis	\$650
Unit 5	Anatomy and Physiology *	External (approx \$680)
Unit 6	Animal Acupuncture 1	\$900
Unit 7	Animal Acupuncture 2	\$900
Unit 8	Animal Acupuncture 3	\$900
Unit 9	Practice Management	\$350
Unit 10	Student Supervised Clinic	\$900
	Total	\$7,230

Training in Animal Acupuncture and Massage will be offered as an online course with optional attendances to one week seminars held twice a year.

### Unit 1 Oriental Medicine Theory

Mode of delivery-Home study

This unit gives you the background knowledge of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), including the Yin Yang, Five Element Theory and the Functions of the organs from a TCM perspective.

### Unit 2 Meridian Theory and Point Location

The body's energy pathways known as Meridians or Channels travel across the body as well as through the internal organs.

Having an understanding of the location and functions of the channels and the associated acupuncture points is essential to be able to competently practice acupuncture.

### Unit 3 Animal Shiatsu

Animal Shiatsu is the application of a Japanese style of acupressure treatment to Meridians on the body. Because of this Shiatsu can not only treat Musculoskeletal issues but also organ imbalances.

Furthermore, Shiatsu is a great way to prepare the animal for needling and in some cases may be your only option if the animal is needle shy.

#### **Unit 4 Differential Diagnosis**

Accurate diagnosis is essential in determining the best points and point combinations when treating animals. This unit details the differentiating patterns of disease in the organs and outlines the best treatment method and point selections for each individual disorder.

#### **Unit 5 Anatomy and Physiology**

An understanding of the anatomy and physiology of mammals is a requirement for a thorough understanding of the processes and limitations of acupuncture and massage applications to animals.

We recommend the Online course offered by ACS see the link below for details.

<https://www.acs.edu.au/courses/animal-anatomy-and-physiology-animal-husbandry-i--164.aspx>

#### **Unit 6 Animal Acupuncture 1**

This unit incorporates The Animal Dry Needling course as well as the inclusion of location and function of the Back Associated Points and The 5 Transporting Points which are located on each of the Twelve Meridians.

#### **Unit 7 Animal Acupuncture 2**

This unit discusses the Eight Extraordinary Vessels in detail. The other components of this unit include the use of specific point combinations for both acute Musculoskeletal issues via the study of the Tendino-muscular Meridians. Furthermore, we will study the Distinct Meridians which involves the Collateral Channels that have a powerful effect on the individual organs, otherwise unreachable via the acupuncture points on the Meridians.

#### **Unit 8 Animal Acupuncture 3**

The final unit of Acupuncture training involves the study of Five Element Acupuncture, known also as the Four Needle technique, which restores the balance between up to three organ systems, by using only four acupuncture points specific to the presenting condition. We will also be studying the use of electro acupuncture machines including how they work and when it is appropriate to include in a treatment plan. In the final section, we will discuss the use of lasers, the precautions and applications.

#### **Unit 9 Practice Management**

This unit is for those that have not previously had any experience in opening and managing a business. It will give you the tools required to market and manage your business, including goal setting, advertising strategies and legal responsibilities.

#### **Unit 10 Student Supervised Clinic**

Students have the option to either attend a one-week Supervised Clinic or have a series of Online training segments where they will demonstrate their ability to diagnose and treat different animals that they will provide with varied medical issues.