



Animals and Human Health:

A Certificate and Courses in Animal-Assisted
Therapy, Activities and Learning (Online Program)

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The Animals and Human Health (AHH) online professional development program includes both a non-credit certificate and individual non-credit courses focused on therapeutic applications of human-animal interaction. Participants will learn how animal-assisted interventions can help professionals in many fields bring about lasting social, emotional, cognitive, physical, spiritual and psychological changes.



Why is the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work offering this program?

Animals play a critical role in helping people live healthy lives. Today, more than ever, we believe that the role of animals in our personal health, family makeup and communities deserves to be better understood. At a time when our society struggles with uncertainty on many levels, we are reminded that some of our safest and most reliably uncomplicated relationships are with animals. This online program offers an opportunity to explore this powerful attachment, to learn about ourselves and to deepen our understanding of the relationship between humans and animals.



Who should take these courses?

If you want to learn more about people and animals working together, this program is for YOU! The only online program of its kind in the United States, Animals and Human Health allows both professionals and lay practitioners to become part of this cutting-edge field by exploring the human-animal bond and how it impacts the health and well-being of both people and animals.



What will I learn in this program?

- Demonstrate skill and expertise regarding the clinical applications of human-animal interactions;
- Understand how the effects of these methods can be demonstrated across age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and life condition;
- Recognize how animal-assisted interventions can be utilized by a variety of professionals; and



- Learn to create and implement high-quality animal-assisted programs.

What are the requirements for admission to this program?

Admission requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or at least one year of experience in this area), a computer with Internet access (preferably high-speed) and appropriate word-processing software (minimum of Windows XP Service Pack Two, which can also be accessed at public libraries).

What are the courses and schedule?

All courses but the Capstone session may be taken as electives. Certificate students are required to take the core course, three electives and the Capstone session (held on the University of Denver campus). Upcoming offerings include:

Core Course—Introduction/Online 3/27/06 - 5/21/06 (8 weeks)

The Core offers an in-depth introduction to animal-assisted therapy, activities and learning: history, theory, research, ethics, professions and applications utilizing animal-assisted interventions, overview of animal information and issues, and evaluation and administration.

Animal-Assisted Programming for Adults - Online 3/27/06 - 4/23/06 (4 weeks)

Animal-Assisted Programming for Children and Youth - Online 5/1/06 - 5/28/06 (4 weeks)

Selection, Training and Management of Dogs in Animal-Assisted Programming - Online 6/5/06 - 7/2/06 (4 weeks)

Animal-Assisted Program Management: Professional Administration and Development - Online 7/10/06 - 8/6/06 (4 weeks)

Selection, Training and Management of Horses in Animal-Assisted Programming - Online 8/14/06 - 9/10/06 (4 weeks)

For a complete listing of course offerings, visit www.du.edu/gssw and click on "professional development."

For questions regarding registration, tuition, and other administrative issues, please contact Outreach and Continuing Education Director Lorie Klumb at 303-871-7462 or lkumb@du.edu. For questions regarding course content, please contact Clinical Assistant Professor Philip Tedeschi at 303-886-4424 or ptedesch@du.edu, or Adjunct Professor Jennifer Fitchett at 303-871-3833 or jfitchet@du.edu.