



Acupuncture Clinical Internship Requirement Policies

Students of the Acupuncture course are eligible for the Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist certification endorsed by the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine. The CVA certification requirements include a 30-hour clinical internship. There are four ways you can satisfy the internship requirement:

1. Take one of the on-site advanced courses offered by the Chi Institute (Advanced TCVM Diagnostics & Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, Food Therapy, Veterinary *Tui-na*, Palliative and End-of-Life Care, Balance Methods Acupuncture, or Veterinary Topographic Acupuncture). Completion of an on-site advanced course fulfills all 30 hours of the internship requirement.
2. Attend one on-site Chi Institute Annual TCVM Conference to fulfill up to 30 hours of the internship requirement. The applicable hours will depend on the offerings of the Conference. Please confirm with the Student Administration to determine how many hours of the Internship each Conference will fulfill.
3. Take an advanced course online (Herbal Medicine, excluding the online Herbal Introduction class, Food Therapy, Palliative and End-of-Life Care) to fulfill 15 hours of the internship requirement. The remaining 15 hours must then be completed by shadowing a CVA**.
4. Shadow any CVA for 30 hours. Try to do this after you have completed at least two on-site sessions, so you have a better idea of what you are observing. If you shadow too early, you will not get the full benefit of what you are being shown. We cannot accept hours prior to your CVA registration.

**Please note that you must take the listed advanced classes after you have completed at least session 1 of the CVA class. We cannot accept hours prior to this.*

***CVA refers to any veterinary acupuncturist certified by the Chi Institute or IVAS ONLY. You can find a Chi CVA in your area by consulting our practitioner directory at <http://www.tcvm.com/Resources/FindaTCVMPractitioner.aspx>.*

Veterinarians who have completed the Acupuncture course but have not earned their CVA do not qualify as internship supervisors. If you choose to intern with an IVAS CVA who is not listed as certified on www.ivas.org, then they must submit a photo or PDF copy of their CVA certificate to the Chi Institute before any internship hours can be accepted. Please contact the Chi Institute Student Administration department if you would like confirmation on someone's eligibility to be an internship supervisor or to determine whether submission of their CVA is required.

You can combine hours from more than one CVA but all hours must be documented by completing an internship form (reverse) for each CVA shadowed. As a courtesy to your internship supervisor, please hand them the paperwork to sign with the form filled out beforehand. Once your internship supervisor has signed the form, you may mail, fax, or scan/email a copy to the Chi Institute for approval. We will send you an email confirmation when your hours are approved.

Some students like the teaching style of a particular Chi faculty and may make arrangements to come to an acupuncture session a day or two early or stay a day or two later to shadow them here in Florida. Not all Chi Faculty is open to this, so please ask them about their availability.

When you are shadowing your CVA, please be mindful of their obligation to their client and patient. Some vets have expressed their reluctance to offer shadowing after trainees shifted attention from the animal and owner to themselves during sessions. Please do not interfere with the interactions between the client and the CVA and leave questions and comments for the end of the session.

If you have any additional questions about the CVA internship process, please email us at register@tcvm.com or call (800) 860-1543.



Testimonial of Clinical Internship in Veterinary Acupuncture

PART 1: Completed by the Internship Supervisor.

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Veterinary License #:			Specialty: <input type="checkbox"/> Small Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Equine <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____		
CVA Issued By: <input type="checkbox"/> Chi Institute <input type="checkbox"/> IVAS		CVA Certificate #:		CVA Issue Date: ___/___	
Clinic Name:			Clinic Website:		
Street Address:					
City:		State:	Zip Code:		Country:
Telephone #:			Email Address:		
I attest that I hold a CVA and have expertise for the species which the intern wishes to be certified, I own or have access to the resources that are essential in a veterinary acupuncture practice and I have no previous record of unprofessional conduct in the practice of veterinary medicine.					
Signature of Internship Supervisor: _____					

PART 2: Completed by the Intern.

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Veterinary License #:			Chi course: <input type="checkbox"/> Small Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Equine <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed		
Telephone #:			Email Address:		

PART 3: Please fill the Information of the Internship.

INTERNSHIP DATES	COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____</p>
TOTAL: _____ hours	

PART 4: Please mail or email the signed form to us by using the contact information at the top of the page.