CERTIFICATE - ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY

Certificate in Animal-Assisted Therapy

This unique certificate will train students to integrate companion animals safely and ethically into a variety of treatment settings. Animal-Assisted Therapy, and the study of human-animal interactions, is an exciting and growing field of scientific inquiry focusing on our relationship with animals. Students will study how animal-human bonds have both emotional and health benefits, how to safely and ethically apply animal interactions as a therapeutic tool, and learn techniques for working with therapy animals.

Notice: As a student enrolled in Husson University's online animal-focused program/course, you may engage in activities that involve live animals. Such activities are not required by the course and are done on a voluntary basis. Participation in such activities has inherent risks. Neither Husson University nor its faculty and staff are responsible for any injuries, damages, or other harm to self or property that may occur to you and/or the animals with which you engage.

Certificate Outcomes

Upon completion students will:

- Evaluate animal-assisted therapy standards of best practice.
- Explain safe and effective animal assisted therapies.
- Analyze the physiological and mental health benefits of the human-animal bond.
- Interpret the legal, ethical, and beneficial aspects of animal-assisted therapies.
- Identify the role of animal-assisted therapies as it pertains to different fields of practice.

Required Courses:

AB 101	Foundations of Animal Studies	3
AB 110	The Human-Animal Bond: Animal Behavior, Evolution and Therapeutic Applications	3
AB 210	Emotional Support and Service Animals	3
AB 310	Animal-Assisted Therapy: Understanding Techniques, Regulations and Risks	3
Total Hours		**12**