



CHI | UNIVERSITY

Integrative Veterinary Medicine Summer Program

August 3 - 14, 2026

Reddick, Florida





Chi University was founded in 1998 by Dr. Huisheng Xie, a leading clinician and former professor at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine. Chi University is dedicated to providing premium education to veterinarians and veterinary students in integrative and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) modalities. Chi University is accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), and the Florida Commission for Independent Education. Its main campus is located near Ocala, Florida, the horse capital of the world. In addition, Chi has campuses in 25 other countries and regions. After more than 20 years of development, Chi University is a global leader in integrative veterinary medicine education and is referred to as "the Harvard of TCVM" by its students.

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PROGRAM BACKGROUND



Integrative veterinary medicine (IVM) is a combination of Western veterinary medicine and holistic medicine practices.

IVM not only includes the diagnosis and treatment technologies of Western medicine, but also various clinically proven veterinary therapies such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, rehabilitation, physical therapy, spinal/joint manipulation, and nutrition. Through the combination of these practices, this refined focus on a systematic and personalized approach to patients results in more diagnosis and treatment options and improved outcomes.

As the demand for IVM continues to grow, many pet owners wish to provide all-encompassing health protection for their pets, extensively exploring alternative therapies to improve the quality of life for their animals. At the same time, an increasing number of studies have validated the effectiveness of many alternative therapies, providing a scientific basis for IVM as well as promoting acceptance in mainstream veterinary practice.

IVM services are now offered at a number of universities and private pet clinics in the United States. By joining Chi University's Integrative Veterinary Medicine Summer Program, you will gain hands-on experience at veterinary teaching hospitals, allowing you to gain exposure to the latest advancements in the field and strengthen language skills, which are essential for research, communication, and practicing in international settings.

PROGRAM CONTENT

- Learn holistic concepts and clinical applications of IVM including rehabilitation, physical therapy, spinal/joint manipulation, acupuncture, and herbal medicine
- Discover the development and trends of American veterinary medicine
- Understand American culture, the veterinary education system, and university life
- Visit Chi University, the University of Florida, Dr. Xie's Jing Tang Herbal, and American animal clinics to experience firsthand the application and development of integrative veterinary medicine in the United States
- Tour the Kennedy Space Center and other local landmarks
- Seminar: Apply for graduate programs in the United States
- Give presentations in English



MAIN INSTRUCTORS



Dr. Huisheng Xie DVM, PhD

Dr. Huisheng Xie is an experienced professional with extensive academic accomplishments. He is the founder of Chi University and also served as a clinical professor at UF's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Xie has received achievement awards from several major institutions including the China Ministry of Agriculture, the National Science and Technology Committee, Beijing Agricultural University, the Chinese Veterinary Medicine Association, the Chinese Association of Traditional Veterinary Science, the World Association of TCVM, and the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association. CBS News referred to him as "a leading authority in animal acupuncture." Not to mention, he is an honorary professor and director of the International Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine of South China Agricultural University and China Southwest University. Dr. Xie has authored more than 30 books and has had over 100 papers published in peer-reviewed veterinary medical journals. His textbooks, including *Xie's Veterinary Herbology*, *Xie's Veterinary Acupuncture*, and *Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine: Fundamental Principles*, have been used for TCVM training courses around the world. He has lectured around the world, speaking in the USA, Canada, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Europe, and South Africa and trained over 12,000 veterinarians to practice TCVM worldwide.



Dr. Mushtaq Memon BVSc, PhD, DACT, CVA

Dr. Mushtaq Memon is a Professor Emeritus at Washington State University (WSU) and Executive Director of the World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Memon is a specialist in Veterinary Reproduction (Theriogenology) and is a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists. Before joining WSU, he was a faculty member at the Veterinary Colleges of Oklahoma State Univ, Louisiana State Univ, and Tufts Univ. Dr. Memon is an internationally recognized scholar and has served as a Fulbright Scholar, visiting professor, consultant, or volunteer in 28 countries to enhance education standards and assist smallholder farmers in increasing food production in developing countries. Dr. Memon was a founding faculty member of the Paul Allen School for Global Health at WSU. He is also the author of over 120 publications in refereed journals, conference proceedings, and the co-editor of 3 books. His recent book on integrative veterinary medicine was published in 2023.

Monday, Aug 3, 2026	Welcome, Overview and Assignments
	Overview of Integrative Veterinary Medicine
	Life as a University Student in the United States
	Chi Campus Orientation
	UF Campus and Gainesville Tour
Tuesday, Aug 4, 2026	Equine Behavior
	How to Handle a Horse
	Field Trip to Dr. Xie's Jing Tang Herbal / World Equestrian Center
	Project 1: USA Veterinary Industry
Wednesday, Aug 5, 2026	Exploring American Culture
	Cooking Workshop – Making American Food Together
	Project 2: American Culture
	Chi Animal Hospital Externship – Rehabilitation, Integrative Medicine, Receiving Patients, History-Taking, Diagnosis and Treatment Option
	Case Demo (Integrative Vet Med)
	Sports Activity : Basketball (Optional)
Thursday, Aug 6, 2026	Auditing Chi CVA Class - Five Elements and <i>Zang-Fu</i> Physiology, TCVM Diagnosis Intro
	Auditing Equine Point Lab
	Auditing Canine Point Lab
Friday, Aug 7, 2026	Presentation: Is Integrative Medicine Evidence-Based?
	Round-table About Project 2
	Research Lab Laboratory Tour With Brief Lab Instrument Introductions / How to Create a Good PPT Presentation / How to Efficiently do a Literature Search / How to do a Good Presentation
	Dinner Party With CVA Students

Monday, Aug 10, 2026	Veterinary Profession in USA: Now and Future
	Journey in Integrative Veterinary Medicine
	Equine Acupuncture – Demo and Needling
	Round-table Discussion on USA Vet Med Industry
Tuesday, Aug 11, 2026	Pet Food
	Introduction to Veterinary Medicine Industries in USA
	How I Run a Veterinary Practice
	Second Round-table Discussion on USA Vet Med Industry
	Field Trip to UF Small Animal Hospital
Wednesday, Aug 12, 2026	Field Trip: Kennedy Space Center
	Daytona Beach (Swimwear and Sun Protection Lotion Should be Brought by Each Participant)
Thursday, Aug 13, 2026	Introduction to Graduate Programs at Chi University
	Handling and Communicating With Dogs in a Veterinary Setting
	Presentation Preparation
Friday, Aug 14, 2026	Project Presentation
	Course Evaluation
	Award for the Best Presentations, Certificate Ceremony, Farewell Dinner Party

Airport shuttle services are available on August 3 and 14; please refer to the 'Others' section on page 14 for more information.

Participants who wish to cover their own expenses can enroll in the optional weekend excursions on August 8 and 9.

2026 Optional Weekend Trips

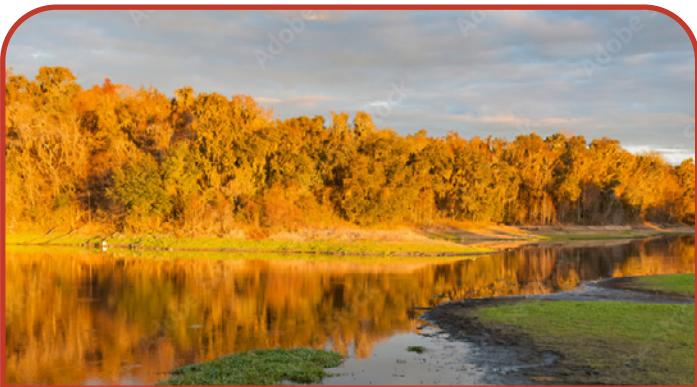
Cost: \$100 per person per day, not including the meals and attraction tickets



Gulf of Mexico (Cedar Key)
Saturday, August 8, 2026



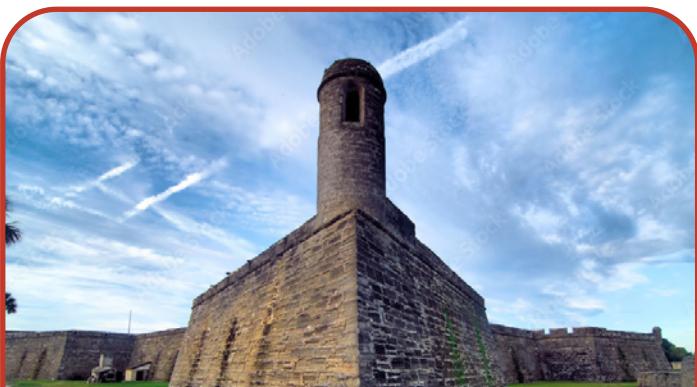
Santa Fe River Tubing
Saturday, August 8, 2026



Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park
Sunday, August 9, 2026



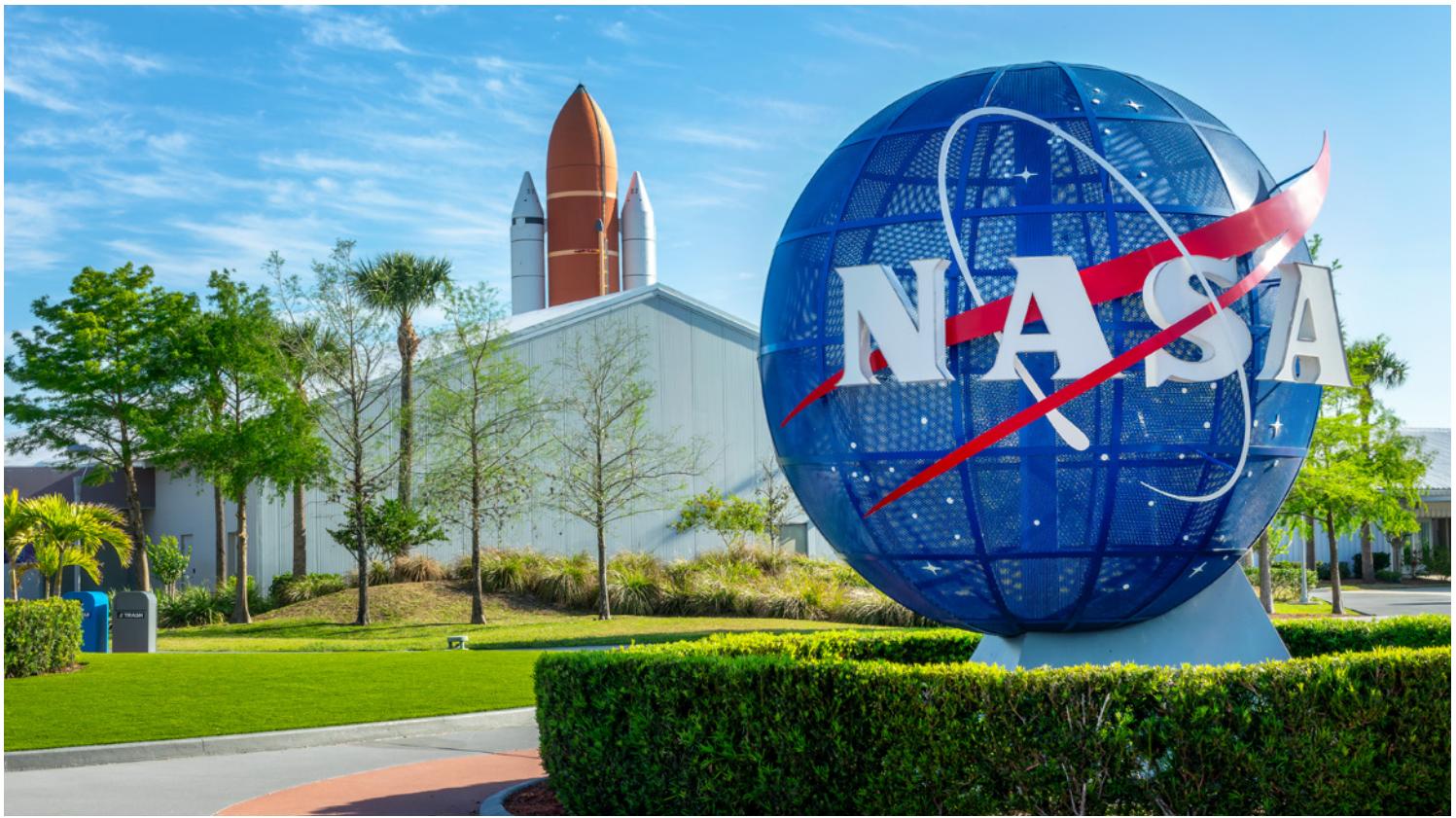
St. Augustine
Sunday, August 9, 2026



**Castillo de San Marcos National
Monument**
Sunday, August 9, 2026



Crisp-Ellert Art Museum
Sunday, August 9, 2026



Visit the Kennedy Space Center and experience the space museum firsthand. The Kennedy Space Center, abbreviated KSC, is on Merritt Island on the east coast of Florida. Established in July 1962, it is one of the most important places for NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to test, prepare, and conduct spacecraft for launch.



Dr. Xie's Jing Tang Herbal, established in Ocala, Florida in 1999, is devoted to the preservation and progress of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. Complying with FDA and cGMP standards, the company focuses on high-quality traditional remedies, integrating ancient methods with scientific research to refine their products. Jing Tang Herbal has gained worldwide acclaim and is now available in over 60 countries and regions. Their unwavering dedication ensures that certified veterinarians from across the globe can provide the best and safest care for animals, making a positive impact on animal health and welfare worldwide.

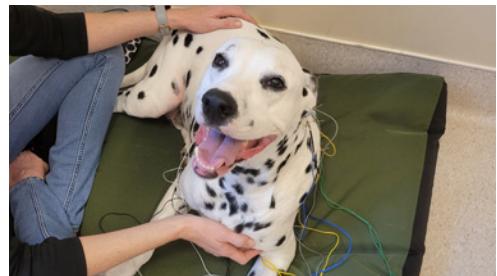
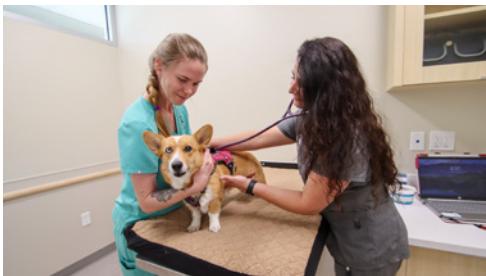


Small Animal Hospital



Large Animal Hospital

Chi Animal Hospital is a modern, comprehensive hospital that integrates clinical care, teaching and scientific research, prevention, and rehabilitation. With a full range of departments and state-of-the-art equipment, it is divided into a small animal hospital and large animal hospital. By focusing on integrative medicine, Chi Animal Hospital leverages the advantages of both Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine and Western veterinary medicine to provide the highest level of diagnostic and treatment services for animals. The small animal hospital offers a variety of services, including diagnosis and treatment, preventive immunization, physical exams, and tests. The large animal hospital features 12 equine examination rooms, a 12,500-square-foot arena, and a spacious, comfortable waiting area. Chi Animal Hospital serves as a vital platform for teaching and practical training, enhancing clinical skills, teaching quality, and educational outcomes for faculty. It has become a significant educational and practical institution.





Learn from Dr. Xie, the leading authority in animal acupuncture, as he guides you through the historical evolution of TCVM and modern veterinary practice trends in the U.S. and worldwide.



Step into the Biomedicine Research Center to work with cutting-edge experimental instruments and experience the precision and rigor of scientific research.

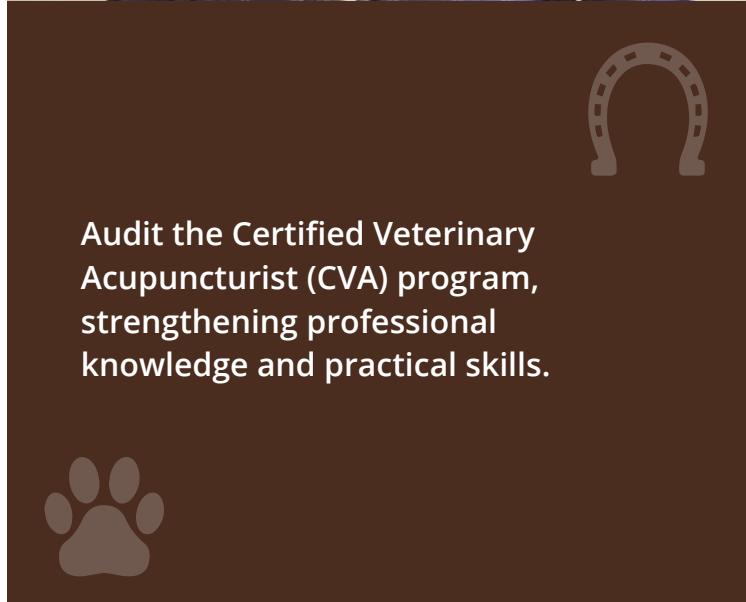


Engage in clinical internships at Chi Animal Hospital, where you will learn therapeutic methods through direct participation in case studies to enhance your understanding of IVM.

PROGRAM FEATURES



Learn from Dr. Memon, a pioneer in the field of IVM, as he guides you through the history, present state, and future direction of IVM.



Audit the Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) program, strengthening professional knowledge and practical skills.



Enjoy the fun, food, and beauty of the Chi University campus and local Florida culture.



STUDENT FEEDBACK



Participating in this Chi University summer camp has been incredibly enriching for me. During the program, I was not only got in touch with the advanced equipment and technological concepts in the field of Veterinary Medicine, which extremely broaden my professional horizons, but also making friends from different countries. Together, we spent a wonderful half-month and learning from one another through exchanges across different cultural backgrounds. Everyone was kind and enthusiastic, making this cross-cultural experience truly unique and valuable.

The instructors were dedicated and responsible throughout the program, patiently explaining and carefully guiding us through each part. They also introduced us to many novel and interesting activities, leaving me with a wealthy knowledge and lasting impression.

Attending this summer camp allowed me to gain professional knowledge, meaning friendships, and an unforgettable growth experience.



Yiqing Fan



The Chi University 2025 summer camp gave me a deeper understanding for Integrative Veterinary Medicine. Especially, the hands-on experience of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine acupuncture had sparked my strong interest in this field and strengthened my determination to further explore. The summer camp was meticulously planned and efficiently run. It offered both rich, up-to-date professional courses and a wide range of engaging cultural activities. This allowed us to gain new knowledge while also developing a deep appreciation for local American customs and culture. Every instructor and student was exceptionally kind and enthusiastic, making this journey both rewarding and filled with warmth. I would 100% recommend joining the 2026 camp if you want to learn, grow, and make memories!



Wenjun Zou



As one of the first TCVM students after the resumption of enrollment in the TCVM Program in China Agricultural University, I had a deeper understanding of TCVM and integrative veterinary medicine after attending the summer camp held by Chi University.

During the camp, I gained a deeper comprehension of the basic theories of TCVM, such as *Yin-Yang*, Five Elements, acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine, which studied in my undergraduate program, and learned about its practical. Through close observation of acupuncture and other therapeutic methods of Integrative Veterinary Medicine, I realized the effectiveness of blending various therapies other than Western medicine in relieving pain and promoting the recovery of animals. This practical learning experience gave me a deeper understanding of TCVM and also interested me in Integrative Veterinary Medicine.

Additionally, this camp made me realize the difference in veterinary education between China and the United States. For example, veterinary education in the U.S. emphasized more on practice and interdisciplinary integration, especially in the application of TCVM, which had a systematic and simpler education system. This cross-cultural learning experience had broadened my horizons and prompted me to think about how to integrate the advantages of different education systems to improve my professional ability.

In conclusion, this camp not only strengthened my comprehension of TCVM, but also provided me with precious international exposure and practical experience. I'm eager to applying this knowledge and skills to my future studies and career growth, with further advancing veterinary medicine.



Baimu Suolang



I was so happy to be able to take part in the 2024 Chi University Summer Program! Although only two weeks in Chi, I benefited from a lot of practical knowledge. We not only gained an in-depth understanding of TCVM, but also learned about the concept of integrative medicine, which is a clinical approach that combined Western medicine and Chinese medicine to better help sick animals. And the experience broadened my cultural insights, specifically in understanding American traditions and the state of their veterinary industry. In addition to the theoretical knowledge, Chi University also offered us the hands-on practice to get close to the horses and learn about their habits, as well as to apply acupuncture theories to the real situations. There were also many other colorful activities.

On the weekend, we visited the beautiful University of Florida campus and the animal hospital, went to the beach for sea fishing and barbecue, making more friends with wonderful memories. All in all, this program was very fulfilling and gave me different life experiences and new possibilities for my future development! Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Xie and friends from Chi University, and look forward to seeing you again!



Qin Meng



SCHOLARSHIP

\$700

ONLY 10 SPOTS

Submit the following materials to admin@chiu.edu

- ✓ Cover letter to explain why you want to apply for this scholarship
- ✓ One letter of recommendation from a university professor
- ✓ Copy of your vet school student ID

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Registration fee:

- \$3,500 per person (including accommodation)
- Register ASAP to secure your spot! (\$150 deposit, refundable if visa is not approved)
- Note: The above fee excludes airfare, visa application costs, and personal expenses.

Veterinary Students

PARTICIPANTS

Veterinarians

OTHERS

Free airport transfer – Gainesville Airport, Florida, USA for arrival on August 3, 2026 and departure on August 14, 2026.

Airport pickup/drop-off service at Orlando Airport (MCO) is available for an additional fee.

Meals include lunch during classes on Chi campus, a dinner on August 7, and a farewell dinner on August 13. Hotel accommodation also includes breakfast.



Explore veterinary universities and animal hospitals in the United States
Listen to cutting-edge presentations and engage with American veterinarians
Make the most of your summer with a rewarding experience!



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