



CERTIFIED VETERINARY
ACUPUNCTURIST
(CVA) PROGRAM in ITALY with up to 178 HOURS



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ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE



MOXIBUSTION



AQUA-ACUPUNCTURE

32 Hours Hands-on Acupoint Lab + 12 Hours On-site Tutoring and Real Case Demos
Up to 134 Hours Online Lectures and Lab Demos
Complimentary 32-hour Evidence-based Veterinary Acupuncture Course

LEARN FROM WORLD-RENOWNED EDUCATORS AND PRACTITIONERS IN
VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

Learn from instructors with over 80 years combined experience practicing and teaching veterinary acupuncture and traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM), including world-renowned speakers Drs. Huisheng Xie, President and Founder of Chi University, and Silvia De Lucchi, Director of Chi Italy.

THE BENEFITS OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE PLUS THE CONVENIENCE OF
ONLINE LEARNING

Chi's hybrid learning system incorporates hands-on experience through small on-site acupoint labs, real acupuncture case demos, and case presentations. In Chi's state-of-the-art online learning portal, knowledge is gained through virtual lectures and demos you can stream at your convenience.

JOIN THE CHI FAMILY, GET LIFE-LONG SUPPORT

More than 11,000 veterinarians from over 80 countries have completed courses at Chi since its founding in 1998. This community of (TCVM) practitioners share knowledge and support at the annual international conference and through Chi's online forums. All Chi graduates receive free lifetime case consultation from Chi faculty.



LEARN FROM THE MASTER OF
VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE



1:6 INSTRUCTOR-TO-STUDENT
RATIO IN HANDS-ON LABS



ONE MORE OPTION TO PROVIDE
YOUR PATIENTS BETTER CARE



ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE
MASTER'S DEGREE CREDIT



LEARN FROM THE BEST

Chi's faculty is comprised of world-renowned veterinary acupuncturists and educators who actively treat patients using the same modalities they teach. Learn more about your CVA instructors and register to become a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist at chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102_ITA_EN.

Dr. Huisheng Xie DVM, PhD



Dr. Xie has 42 years clinical, teaching and research experience in veterinary acupuncture and TCVM. He has trained over 11,000 veterinarians to practice TCVM worldwide. Dr. Xie's education includes advanced training in veterinary medicine, veterinary acupuncture, and human acupuncture. Dr. Xie has authored 20 books and over 100 peer-reviewed papers. His textbooks, including *Xie's Veterinary Herbology*, *Xie's Veterinary Acupuncture*, and *Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine-Fundamental Principles*, have been used for TCVM training programs around the world. Dr. Xie continues to teach and develop educational courses and programs at Chi University, serves as a full clinical professor at University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, and is an honorary professor at China Agricultural University, South China Agricultural University and China Southwest University.

Dr. Lorena Lloret Nadal DVM, CVA, CVTP, CVFT, CVCH, CVBMA



Dr. Lloret received her DVM from Murcia University in Spain in June 2002. She earned her veterinary acupuncture certification from Chi University-Thailand in 2005. The following year, Dr. Lloret completed the acupuncture internship program at the University of Florida with Dr. Xie. She served as Chief of TCVM Services of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the University Alfonso X in Madrid, Spain from 2014-2021. Dr. Lloret is the translator and editor-in-chief of the Spanish edition of *TCVM: Fundamental Principles* by Dr. Xie. She is currently the director of Chi-Europe, Chi-Spain and Chi-Ireland and serves as a primary instructor for Chi CVA courses throughout Europe. Dr. Lloret TCVM specialty in both small animal and horses, offering clinics in Ireland.

Dr. Roger Clemmons DVM, PhD, CVFT, DACVIM (Neurology and Neurosurgery), CVA



Dr. Clemmons graduated with his DVM from Washington State University. There, he also was granted a PhD in veterinary science (emphasis in neurophysiology and clinical neurology). Dr. Clemmons then took a faculty position at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine where he practiced neurology and neurosurgery for 35 years before joining the private Veterinary Specialty Hospitals in Florida. Dr. Clemmons, a board-certified specialist in Neurology, has published over 100 peer-reviewed original studies, reviews, papers and abstracts and given numerous presentations, both in the US and abroad. At UF, he has had an active research program and is known for his work on platelet physiology and in the study of neurodegenerative diseases such as degenerative myelopathy. He has developed a number of innovative neurosurgical techniques including fixation of atlantoaxial subluxation and Wobbler's syndrome. Dr. Clemmons taught veterinary and graduate students at the University of Florida for 35 years. Dr. Clemmons became a certified veterinary acupuncturist (CVA) at Chi in 2000. He was certified in TCVM Food therapy (CVFT) from Chi in 2009. He integrates Veterinary Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and nutrition into his practice. He is a national and international speaker in the field of neurology and the science of veterinary acupuncture.

Dr. Silvia De Lucchi DVM, CVA, CVBMA



Dr. Silvia De Lucchi graduated from the University of Parma, Italy, in 2006 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, she began practicing small animal medicine, focusing primarily on internal medicine and surgery. Her interest in rehabilitation led her to attend the Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP) program at the University of Tennessee in 2012. In 2013, Dr. De Lucchi earned her Veterinary Acupuncture Certification at Chi Spain, marking the beginning of her journey into Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM). She has completed advanced acupuncture training, studied Japanese acupuncture and is certified in Balance Method acupuncture. Her commitment to ongoing learning is evident as she is currently pursuing advanced training in Chinese herbal medicine and *Tui-na*. Dr. De Lucchi offers a comprehensive and integrative clinical approach at her specialized rehabilitation clinic in Vicenza. She primarily treats small animals, combining acupuncture, moxibustion, herbal medicine, and food therapy. Dr. De Lucchi is currently the Director of Chi University Italy and is an instructor for the Small Animal Acupuncture Program. She also organizes advanced TCVM courses to spread awareness and knowledge of this ancient medical tradition within the veterinary community.

CVA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The course begins with an overview of fundamental aspects of Chinese Medicine, including *Yin-Yang* and Five Elements theory, which serve as a foundation for case diagnoses and treatment presented later in the class. A variety of acupuncture techniques are taught, including electro-acupuncture, aqua-acupuncture, moxibustion, etc. in addition to conventional "dry" needling. Two tracks options are available: small animal and mixed practice (which includes both small animals and horses). In acupoint labs, students learn acupuncture points on dogs or both dogs and horses depending on the selected track.

The course is presented in 2 online sessions and 3 hybrid sessions. Each hybrid session includes two portions: online & on-site. Online portions are comprised of lectures and case demos that students can stream at their own convenience. On-site portions give students the opportunity to learn acupuncture points on live animals in small acupoint lab groups of four to six students per instructor.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER! chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102_ITA_EN



Chi's hands-on acupoint labs and low student-to-instructor ratio ensure you gain the confidence to start practicing acupuncture after the first on-site session.

Class is limited to 20 students for an intensive & intimate learning experience

Session 1 - Online

Up to 24 Online Lectures

Course Introduction and History of Veterinary Acupuncture

What is Acupuncture

Veterinary Acupuncture: Scientific Basis

Yin-Yang

Eight Principles

Five Elements

Zang-Fu Physiology

Channels and Meridians

General Rules of Acupuncture

Indications for Veterinary Acupuncture

How to Start Your Acupuncture Practice: Cookbook (Small Animal)

How to Start Your Acupuncture Practice: Cookbook (Equine)

How to Integrate Acupuncture into Your Practice (Small Animal)

How to Integrate Acupuncture into Your Practice (Equine)

Anatomy for Acupuncturists (Small Animal)

Anatomy for Acupuncturists (Equine)

Session 2 - Online Portion

Up to 25 Online Lectures

Mix Practice Point Lab

Tutoring, Real Case Demo, and Question and Answer

Five Elements and *Zang-Fu* Physiology

Five-*Shu* Transporting Points

Other Special Points

TCVM Diagnosis Intro

Demo - How to Treat Canine Diseases

How to Treat Gastrointestinal Disorders (Small Animal)

How to Treat Respiratory Disorders (Small Animal)

How to Treat *Bi/Wei* Syndromes (Small Animal)

Demo - Canine Acupuncture Cases (Small Animal)

Acupuncture Needling Techniques (Equine)

Treating Equine Musculoskeletal Issues

Demo - Equine Lab Case

Session 2 - On-site Portion

DAY 1

AM Acupoint Lab

Lunch

PM Acupoint Lab

DAY 2

AM Acupoint Lab

Lunch

PM Tutoring / Lecture Review
Real Case Demo
Q&A

Session 3 - Online

Up to 32 Online Lectures

Five Treasures: *Qi*, Blood, *Shen*, *Jing*, Body Fluid Physiology and Pathology

TCVM Diagnosis

Eight Extraordinary Channels

Etiology and Pathology

How to Select Acupoints

Dry Lab - How to Make a TCVM Diagnosis (Small Animal)

Acupuncture for Neurological Disorders (Small Animal)

How to Approach Clinical Cases (Small Animal)

How to Improve Acupuncture Results (Small Animal)

Small Animal Cases: TCVM Approach

Equine Acupuncture Techniques

Acupuncture for Equine Lameness

Equine Special Conditions

How to Approach Clinical Cases (Equine)

How to Improve Acupuncture Results (Equine)

Dry Lab - Lameness and Internal Medicine Studies (Equine)

Session 4 - Online Portion

Up to 35 Online Lectures

Mix Point Lab

Tutoring, Real Case Demo, and Question and Answer

Review from Sessions 1-3

How to Treat Renal Failure

How to Treat Heart Failure

How to Treat Behavioral Problems

Introduction to Herbal Medicine

Introduction to Food Therapy

Acupuncture for the Liver (Small Animal)

How to Treat Skin Problems (Small Animal)

Acupuncture for Cancer (Small Animal)

Feline Acupuncture

Case Studies from Students (Small Animal)

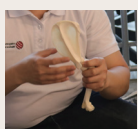
Avian Acupuncture

Exotic Animal Acupuncture

How to Treat GI Disorders (Equine)

How to Treat Respiratory Problems (Equine)

TUITION INCLUDES:



Complimentary 'Evidence-based Veterinary Acupuncture' Online Course including 32 AAVSB RACE approved CEs (€900 Value)



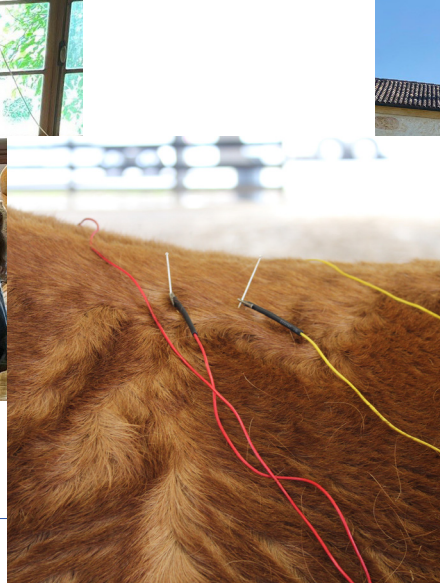
1 Year World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Membership and Benefits (€85 Value). This program is accredited by the WATCVM



Complimentary Canine / Equine Acupuncture Charts and Client FAQ Brochures (up to €160 Value)



This course is taught in English.



ON-SITE PORTION LOCATION:
Gaiavera del Montello, Italy

How to Treat *Bi/Wei* Syndrome (Equine)
Acupuncture for Sports Medicine (Equine)
Understanding Herbal Medicine (Equine)
How to Start Your Herbal Practice (Equine)
How to Treat Cushing's Disease (Equine)
How to Treat Other Endocrine Disorders (Equine)
How to Treat Liver Problems (Equine)
Acupuncture for Skin Diseases (Equine)

Session 4 - On-site Portion

DAY 1

AM Acupoint Lab
Lunch
PM Acupoint Lab

DAY 2

AM Acupoint Lab
Lunch
PM Tutoring / Lecture Review
Real Case Demo
Q&A

How to Treat Reproductive Disorders (Equine)
Acupuncture for Bovines, Caprines, and Camelids

Session 5 - On-site Portion

DAY 1

AM Acupoint Lab
Lunch
PM Acupoint Lab

DAY 2

AM Acupoint Lab
Lunch
PM Clinical Acupoint Exam

DAY 3

AM Written Exam
PM Graduation Lunch Party



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SAVE €500!
BY 15 DECEMBER 2025

Session 5 - Online Portion

Up to 23 Online Lectures

Mix Point Lab
Tutoring, Real Case Demo, and Question and Answer
Review of Sessions 1-4
Acupuncture for Endocrine Disorder
Acupuncture for Immune-Mediated Diseases
Clinical Applications of TCVM (Small Animal)
Introduction to *Tui-na* (Small Animal)
Liver Physiology and Pathology
Lung Physiology and Pathology
Spleen Physiology and Pathology
Heart Physiology and Pathology
Kidney Physiology and Pathology
TCVM Overview
How to Sell TCVM
Tui-na Applications (Equine)
Introduction to Food Therapy (Equine)

2026 ITALY CVA SCHEDULE & TUITION

SESSION	LOCATION	DATES	SMALL ANIMAL	MIXED PRACTICE
1	ONLINE	JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2026	€1,000	€1,050
2	ONLINE ON-SITE	MAR 1 - MAY 17, 2026 MAY 16 - 17, 2026	€1,400	€1,450
3	ONLINE	MAY 18 - JUL 19, 2026	€900	€950
4	ONLINE ON-SITE	JUL 20 - SEP 20, 2026 SEP 12 - 13, 2026	€1,400	€1,450
5	ONLINE ON-SITE	SEP 21 - DEC 13, 2026 DEC 11 - 13, 2026	€1,500*	€1,550*

**Includes the CVA Certification Fee*

For information regarding on-site accommodations, please contact Dr. Silvia De Lucchi at italy@chiu.edu.

Tuition is due 30 days prior to the 1st day of each session.
A €200 non-refundable course deposit is charged upon enrollment to reserve your seat.
*Free class handout PDFs that can be printed at home are available through the online student portal.



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CHI UNIVERSITY: THE WORLD'S LEADING POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL CHINESE & INTEGRATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE

Chi University (previously the Chi Institute) was established by Dr. Huisheng Xie in 1998. It is dedicated to providing the highest quality AAVSB RACE-approved* continuing education courses and academic programs in veterinary acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) and Integrative Veterinary Medicine (IVM) exclusively to veterinarians and veterinary students.

Chi University offers the only licensed and accredited Master's Degree Program in TCVM in the U.S. This comprehensive program provides in-depth knowledge of the fundamental principles of TCVM, acupuncture points and techniques, Chinese herbal materia medica and formulations, food therapy, and *Tui-na* (Chinese medical manipulation) as well as the only Master's Degree Programs in IVM in the World. Chi University has been accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) that is recognized by the

US Department of Education and Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) since 2019.

With a state-of-the-art 90-acre main campus in Reddick, Florida USA, and international courses based in Australia, China, Costa Rica, Peru, Romania, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Kingdom, Chi University has proudly graduated more than 11,000 veterinarians from over 80 countries and regions. **Learn more & register at chiu.edu.**



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