



Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling Certification PART 1

Prerequisites:

- Diploma or Degree in Physiotherapy / Physical Therapy
- Diploma in Canine Rehab, CCRT, CCRP, Master in Animal Physiotherapy, Master in Veterinary Physiotherapy, Diploma in Veterinary Physiotherapy (Or equivalent)
- Rostered to perform needling techniques by their provincial physiotherapy College OR education in human Acupuncture and/or Dry Needling as evidenced by a certification (i.e. a test was conducted and the student passed) in cases where the province does not roster for needling.

Course description This course is designed to transition physiotherapists who are educated and rostered to needle in human practice into being able to select acupoints or myofascial trigger points to needle in small animal patients. The course is taught with a western neuroanatomical approach to acupuncture and dry needling. The online portion of this certification course consists of 15 lessons, examination questions that follow each lesson, and a final exam. Case studies are discussed as well.

Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- acquire knowledge of the history of acupuncture.
- gain a basic understanding of the anatomical / westernized approach to acupuncture.
- understand neuroanatomical mechanisms of action for the effectiveness of acupuncture.
- learn about safety concerns, contraindications, and animal-specific considerations.
- be able to identify a neuroanatomical rationale for the selection of acupoints.
- learn about non-needling techniques to stimulate acupoints.
- be instructed in palpation, localization, and needling of acupoints on a canine subject.
- learn the theory and mechanisms of action for dry needling techniques.
- be instructed in dry needling techniques.
- learn clinical reasoning skills via case presentations as it pertains to both acupuncture and dry needling.

Course Structure

15 online lessons, case studies and final exam.



Certification

Completion of this online program (and passing the examination) is a prerequisite to the one-day Hands-On course (Part 2) where students can practice point localization and the various needling techniques on small animal subjects. **Completion of both** the online and hands-on courses will culminate in a *Certificate in Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling.*

Registration

Online www.embodiaacademy.com and search for **Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling Certification - PART 1**

Availability - anytime

Cost: ARD member (\$396 + HST), non-ARD member (\$495 + HST)
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