ANIMALS IN HEALTH CARE: THE HEALING DIMENSIONS OF HUMAN/ANIMAL RELATIONSHIPS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The human and animal bond is undeniable. This course is designed to introduce students to the therapeutic partnership with animals - known as Animal-Assisted Interactions (AAI) in the context of healthcare and social service related settings. The course is taught online and will introduce students to AAI through examples of evidence-informed literature and community-based experiences.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

• Understand the health benefits of interacting with animals
• Identify principles and theoretical framework of animal-assisted interactions
• Analyze evidence-based clinical applications
• Apply concepts and practices to treat specific target populations
• Learn safety strategies and best practices
• Critique the literature and future direction of the field

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