



Acupuncture Clinical Internship Requirements:

Students of the veterinary acupuncture course are eligible for the Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) certification upon completion of all requirements, including a 30-hour internship. The internship requirement can be fulfilled through several methods:

1. **Clinical Internship:** Shadow a Chi University or IVAS CVA-certified veterinarian. One hour shadowing = 1 internship hour. We will not accept hours completed prior to the start of your acupuncture class and recommend waiting to begin until after Session 4 to ensure that you have a good idea of what you are observing and get the full benefit of what you are being shown.

You can search for Chi University CVAs in our online Vet Finder (<https://alumni.chiu.edu/>). Veterinarians who have completed the acupuncture course but have not earned a CVA do not qualify as internship supervisors. If you choose to intern with a veterinarian who earned their CVA from IVAS, a copy of their CVA certificate must be submitted to us before any hours with them will be accepted.

When shadowing a CVA, please be mindful of their obligation to their client and patient. Some veterinarians have expressed reluctance to accept interns after trainees shifted attention from the patient and client to themselves during appointments. Please do not interfere with the interactions between the client and the CVA. Leave questions and comments for the end of the appointment. Some CVAs may charge you for this internship service.

You may combine hours from more than one CVA. Each internship supervisor must fill out the internship log (see the following page). As a courtesy to your internship supervisor, please hand them the form to sign already filled out. Once complete, you may mail, fax, or email a copy to Chi University for approval. We will email you a confirmation when your hours are approved.

2. **Advanced Classes:** Earn internship hours through the completion of advanced Chi University classes. Only advanced classes begun after starting Session 1 of the acupuncture class qualify. When you've completed a qualifying class, please email admin@chiu.edu to request the internship hours be added to your transcripts.
 - a. **Online:** Earn a *maximum* of 15 internship hours (they cannot be combined) by completing one of the following online classes:
 - i. 1 of the 5 Veterinary Herbal Medicine Modules (Kidney, Liver, Respiratory, Gastrointestinal, Dermatology) – *the online Chinese Herbal Fundamental Knowledge prerequisite does not qualify!*
 - ii. Veterinary Food Therapy
 - iii. Integrative Veterinary Medicine for Pain Management
 - iv. TCVM Palliative and End-of-Life Practitioner

The following two online classes can be combined with the online classes listed above. For example, completing online Canine Acupuncture Deep Dive AND online Veterinary Food Therapy will fulfill all 30 required internship hours.

- v. Canine Acupuncture Deep Dive: 15 internship hours
- vi. Equine Acupuncture Deep Dive: 22 internship hours

- b. **On-site:** Earn 30 internship hours by completing an advanced on-site or hybrid class. Qualifying classes are as follows:
 - i. TCVM Diagnostics, Classical Points and Advanced Acupuncture Techniques (Small Animal or Equine)
 - ii. 1 of the 5 Veterinary Herbal Medicine Modules (Kidney, Liver, Respiratory, Gastrointestinal, Dermatology)
 - iii. Veterinary Food Therapy
 - iv. Veterinary Tui-na
 - v. Veterinary Balance Methods Acupuncture
 - vi. Veterinary Topographic Acupuncture

3. **Optional Acupuncture Review Lab:** An optional in-person review of the CVA class acupoints is offered twice per year at the Chi Florida campus. Attending this review lab fulfills 12 internship hours. After attending, please email admin@chiu.edu to request the internship hours be added to your transcripts.
4. **Annual Conference on TCVM:** Attend the Chi University Annual Conference on TCVM to fulfill up to 30 internship hours. Only Conferences attended/begun after starting Session 1 of the acupuncture class will qualify. After attending the Conference, please email admin@chiu.edu to request the internship hours be added to your transcripts.
 - a. **On-site Lectures:** Attend the on-site lectures (one or both lecture tracks) for 15 internship hours.
 - b. **Online Lectures:** Watch the Conference lectures through the online offering (one or both tracks) for 7.5 internship hours.
 - c. **Workshops:** Earn the equivalent number of internship hours as CE hours for each workshop, regardless of whether it's taken online or on-site. For example: attending one 4-hour workshop will accumulate 4 internship hours.



Testimonial of Clinical Internship in Veterinary Acupuncture:

PART 1: Completed by the Internship Supervisor.

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Veterinary License #:			Specialty: <input type="checkbox"/> Small Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Equine <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____		
CVA Issued By: <input type="checkbox"/> Chi University <input type="checkbox"/> IVAS <i>*If CVA was issued by IVAS, please attach credentials.</i>					
Clinic Name:			Clinic Website:		
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Country:	
Telephone #:			Email Address:		
I attest that I hold a CVA and have expertise for the species which the intern wishes to be certified, I own or have access to the resources that are essential in a veterinary acupuncture practice, and I have no previous record of unprofessional conduct in the practice of veterinary medicine.					
Signature of Internship Supervisor:					

PART 2: Completed by the Intern.

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Veterinary License #:			CVA Track: <input type="checkbox"/> Small Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Equine <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed		
Telephone #:			Email Address:		

PART 3: Log of Internship Hours

INTERNSHIP DATES & HOURS	INTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE
	Comments: Signature:
TOTAL: _____ hours	

PART 4: Please mail, email, or fax the signed form to us by using the contact information at the top of the page.