

# Chi University 2025 Integrative Veterinary Medicine Summer Program

August 3 - August 16, 2025



Reddick, Florida



## Chi University



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.





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.

- 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





## 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 11,000 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.

### SCHEDULE: WEEK 1

Monday, Aug 4, 2025	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 5, 2025	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 6, 2025	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 7, 2025	Auditing Chi CVA Class - Five Elements and Zang-Fu Physiology, TCVM Diagnosis Intro
	Auditing Equine Point Lab
	Auditing Canine Point Lab
Friday, Aug 8, 2025	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

#### SCHEDULE: WEEK 2

Monday, Aug 11, 2025	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 12, 2025	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 13, 2025	Field Trip: Kennedy Space Center
	Daytona Beach (Swimwear and Sun Protection Lotion Should be Brought by Each Participant)
Thursday, Aug 14, 2025	Introduction to Graduate Programs at Chi University
	Handling and Communicating With Dogs in a Veterinary Setting
	Presentation Preparation
Friday, Aug 15, 2025	Project Presentation
	Course Evaluation
	Award for the Best Presentations, Certificate Ceremony, Farewell Dinner Party

Airport shuttle services are available on August 3 and 16; 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 9 and 10.

## 2025 Summer Program Weekend (Optional)

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

Trip to Gulf of Mexico (Cedar Key) Saturday, August 9, 2025

Tubing Lazily Down the Santa Fe River Saturday, August 9, 2025







Travel to St. Augustine Sunday, August 10, 2025







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.



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.





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.





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.



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.

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At Chi University's 2024 summer program, I learned a lot of cuttingedge integrative veterinary knowledge and realized the difference between domestic and international knowledge systems. The most profound impression was that Chi's TCVM teaching way was clearer and easier to understand. For example, the acupuncture points memorizing way could help us remember and identify the location more easily. Clinically, the chance to observe electro-acupuncture and hemo-acupuncture in horses, as well as very special therapy such as fecal transplantation, was immensely instructive.

In addition, I was immersed in American culture and the beauty of Florida. I am immensely thankful for the kindness and mentorship offered by the amazing team at Chi University, because they were like family and took great care of us, making us feel warm in a foreign country. I made a lot of friends from numerous schools and we kept in touch with each other after return, which was also a very big harvest in my personal journey.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Chi for the organizing. May Chi will be better and better and hope I can go to Chi again!

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Yilin Guo, China Agricultural University



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 program held by Chi University.

During the program, 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 program made me realize the difference in veterinary education between China and the United States. For example, veterinary education in the USA 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 program 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.







#### Jianghui Zou, South China Agricultural University

I was honored to participate in Chi's summer program. Before that, I knew very little about TCVM and integrative veterinary medicine, and I signed up for this program with an attitude of curiosity and learning. During this trip, not only had many

excellent teachers of integrative veterinary medicine, but also gained valuable clinical and laboratory practice and case study opportunities, for example, practicing acupuncture on horses, which gave me a deeper understanding of the discipline. It was really a rewarding experience.

In addition, the program provided insight into the contrasts and progress within the veterinary field and education across China and the USA In the last week, our group presentation served as a learning tool for industry insights and a practice field for teamwork, instilling in us a sense of pride and accomplishment! We engaged in various enjoyable activities for leisure, like fishing, swimming, beach barbecues, dining with mentors and peers at local eateries, which enhanced our sense of belonging to the warm and inclusive Chi family, paving the way for many new friendships.

It was a very memorable and meaningful trip, and I'm grateful to Chi for providing such a rare opportunity!

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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, Hunan Agricultural University

#### PARTICIPANTS



Veterinary Students

**PROGRAM FEE** 

\$3,500 per person (including accommodation)

Register for the program to secure your spot! (\$150 deposit, refundable if visa is not approved)

Note: The above fee excludes airfare, visa application costs, and personal expenses.

## Save with Our Early Bird Discount **\$150** Register Before Feb 15, 2025

### HOW TO APPLY

Submit the following materials to <u>admin@chiu.edu</u>

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

#### **OTHERS**

Free airport transfer – Gainesville Airport, Florida, USA for arrival on August 3, 2025 and departure on August 16, 2025.

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 8, and a farewell dinner on August 15. Hotel accommodation also includes breakfast.

Scholarship **\$700** Only 10 Spots

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#### **SCHEDULE**







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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