



Dear Honorable Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Dr. Andrea Smith, and I'm the owner of Synaptic Chiropractic in Westbrook, ME. I am here to express my strong support for LD 1220, which would allow certified animal chiropractors to have direct access to treat domestic animals in Maine.

Currently, there are no clear regulations governing animal chiropractic care in Maine, creating uncertainty for animal owners and potential concerns about the quality of care provided. LD 1220 addresses these concerns by establishing clear guidelines that will bring accountability and ensure high standards of care for Maine's animals.

Animal chiropractic focuses on the assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions through specific chiropractic adjustments to enhance mobility and overall health. This non-invasive approach is especially beneficial for animals with conditions like arthritis, joint pain, and spinal issues. Certified animal chiropractors use manual techniques to adjust the spine and joints, helping animals live healthier lives.

Certification is obtained through organizations such as the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA). To become certified, licensed Doctors of Chiropractic (DC) or Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) train alongside each other and undergo a rigorous program that includes a minimum of 210 hours of specialized education, followed by written and practical exams. These chiropractors are trained to recognize when an animal requires a veterinary referral and respect the scope of veterinary medicine. It is crucial to emphasize that certified animal chiropractors do not claim to be trained in nor perform veterinary medicine. Our goal is to complement, not replace, veterinary care by addressing issues related to the spine, joints, and nervous system. I have included in my testimony the syllabus from Parker University Animal Chiropractic Program as well as the AVCA overview that will speak to the education requirements more thoroughly.

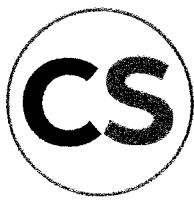
Safety is paramount in all of healthcare, and it's important to note that major chiropractic malpractice insurance carriers, such as NCMIC, ChiroSecure, and ChiroFutures, provide animal chiropractic coverage for certified professionals. Furthermore, no malpractice claims have been filed against certified animal chiropractors, which speaks to the safety and effectiveness of these treatments. We would also like to highlight that several states have instituted direct access for certified animal chiropractors Colorado (2018), Oklahoma (2011), Arkansas (2021), Nebraska (2021), Ohio (2020).

LD 1220 will establish clear regulations, ensuring that certified animal chiropractors meet the highest standards of care. This bill will provide more treatment options for animal owners, improve the health of Maine's animals, and help grow Maine's animal care industry.

I respectfully urge this committee to support LD 1220.

Thank you


Andrea Smith, DC



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To whom it may concern,

I would like to respond to your inquiry of malpractice claims that we have received pertaining to chiropractors engaging in animal adjusting with the proper training.

To date, we have not experienced any claims specifically related to animal adjusting.

I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stu Hoffman, Pres. ChiroSecure

American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) Overview

AVCA, recognized as the world leader in animal chiropractic.

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Thank You for Your Interest in Animal Chiropractic

As Past Board Presidents and current Legislative Committee Co-Chairs of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, we wish to thank you for your interest in animal chiropractic. We at the AVCA are pleased to contribute educational and helpful information to your Task Force.

The question of scope of practice and exact limitations on individual practitioners of animal chiropractic is a question that is being discussed throughout the country by multiple veterinary and chiropractic boards, state legislatures, and licensing agencies.

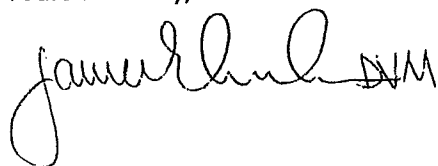
As a national organization, we at the AVCA have seen numerous different approaches to appropriately regulating the practice of animal chiropractic, and we feel that it starts with having an educated, safe, ethical, and professional practitioner. We accomplish this through requiring rigorous training of our certification candidates, and requiring continuing education hours to maintain certification.

Animal chiropractic is something that is being demanded by the public; we feel that without a contingent of educated, trained animal chiropractic practitioners, this procedure will be done by untrained laypeople, possibly resulting in harm to patients, and a general weakening of the public's perception of the value of our shared profession.

It is the policy of the AVCA that certificants practice within the laws and regulations of their individual states/provinces. Thus, we appreciate the Task Force's willingness to address this.

Information is provided that may help introduce the AVCA to you, or to other interested parties. We feel that we share a common purpose with the veterinary and chiropractic boards; to promote and promulgate the practice of our individual professions, while protecting the public from those who do not have the necessary knowledge or training to practice. We are happy to speak individually or collectively with any who may have questions regarding our association or what other states may be doing to address this issue. Please feel free to contact us through the AVCA office.

Yours sincerely,



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Past Board President, AVCA
Education Committee Member, AVCA
Examiner, ACCC



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About the AVCA

- A professional membership group (established 1989) comprised of licensed doctors of veterinary medicine and licensed doctors of chiropractic.
- Promotes animal chiropractic to professionals and the public.
- Acts as the certifying agency for doctors who have undergone post-graduate animal chiropractic training.
- Certification and membership are separate entities.

The Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC):

- A professional certification program developed and operated by the ACCC.
- An administratively independent certification body of the AVCA.
- Promotes the highest standards in animal chiropractic care for the protection and benefit of the patient as well as the public.

Education Committee (AVCA)

- Develops approval criteria for animal chiropractic institutions of higher education
 - used for purposes of determining eligibility of graduates for ACCC/AVCA certification
 - and for advising regulatory/licensure bodies regarding acceptable animal chiropractic training programs.
- Reviews program provider and program applications
 - grants approvals for institutions that meet such criteria,
 - and revokes approvals when institutions fail to comply with current approval criteria.
- Advises AVCA regarding issues/policies/positions regarding animal chiropractic education/training.

ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctors:

- Licensed doctor of chiropractic or a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine.
- Has successfully completed an AVCA approved postgraduate basic animal chiropractic program.
- Has sat and passed the ACCC/AVCA certification examinations.
- Certificants are required to practice animal chiropractic within the laws and regulations of their individual states/provinces.
- Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary, and requires recertification to maintain the credential.

Association Activities

Membership (AVCA)

Doctors, individuals and groups working together within their disciplines to expand and promote the knowledge and acceptance of animal chiropractic to their professions, the public and governments; locally, nationally and internationally, within the standards, bylaws and ethics set forth by the AVCA.

Annual General Meeting with Conference (AVCA)

An annual conference is held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting. The purpose of the annual conference is to provide continuing education hours for recertification for doctors who have been certified in animal chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA.

Certification (ACCC)

Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) is the primary national credential for this field in North America. Certification was developed based upon input and oversight from both professions. The ACCC develops standards of care in animal chiropractic, conducts a professional certification program and awards credentials to individuals who meet established criteria and assessments in different modes of care.

Certification Examination (ACCC)

The ACCC certification examination is made available to the examinee, solely for the purpose of becoming certified in animal chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA.

The ACCC certification examination consists of written and practical components with blueprints and passing scores set by content area experts. The examination is under continuous review and refinement as the ACCC strives to meet the standards set by the American Psychological Association.

Professional Practice Analysis (PPA)

- AVCA Professional Practice Analysis (PPA) completed in 2010, reviewed in 2016 and 2017, updated in 2018.
- PPA conducted by AVCA volunteers Douglas M. Lawson, DC, MSc and his wife, Mrs. Maria Lawson.
- PPA has provided information about what types of activities are regularly performed by animal chiropractic professionals and the risk associated with those activities.
- Dr. Lawson finished a Delphi process in 2011 to determine the examination scope of practice.
- Dr. and Mrs. Lawson volunteer his psychometric services and their examination experience to the AVCA Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC).

Education Committee – Approved Programs

AVCA Requirements - Basic Animal Chiropractic Program Provider

- The institution agrees it will abide by AVCA requirements for approval and the applicable policies and procedures.
- The institution agrees to support the goals and integrity of the AVCA.
- The institution must comply with all applicable local, state or provincial licensing requirements.
- Each basic program is required to provide a minimum of 210 certified hours.
- To admit both licensed Doctors of Chiropractic and Doctors of Veterinary Medicine.
- The basic animal chiropractic curriculum certificate program graduates must be prepared to obtain consent, evaluate, provide a report of findings, arrive at and communicate a clinical assessment, and treat neuromusculoskeletal and biomechanical conditions of animal patients. All graduates must be competent in the common activities as described by the Professional Practice Analysis of the AVCA and must be able to demonstrate diversified chiropractic adjustments with intent to move joints of the animal's spine beyond the usual physiological range of motion using a fast, low amplitude thrust.
- AVCA basic program provider approval is granted for a 2 year period.

List of AVCA Approved Basic Animal Chiropractic Program Providers

- Animal Chiropractic Education Source (ACES), 10771 Hwy 6 Meridian, Texas 76665, 843-900-1502, admin@animalchiropracticeducation.com
- Parker University, Department of Continuing Education, 2540 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229, 800-266-4723 or 214-902-2401, 214-902-3454 (fax), askpostgrad@parker.edu
- Health Pioneers Institute (HPI), 1120 E Diehl Rd, Naperville, Illinois 60563, Illinois, 630-358-9644, info@healthpioneersinstitute.com

- Veterinary Chiropractic Learning Center (VCLC), 92 Governor's Road East, Paris, Ontario N3L 3E1 Canada, 519-771-8505, admin@vclceducation.ca
- Healing Oasis Wellness Center (HOWC), 2555 Wisconsin Street, Sturdevant, WI 53177-1825, 262-898-1680, contact@healingoasis.edu
- Options for Animals, 4267 Virginia Rd, Wellsville, Kansas 66092, 309-658-2920, options4animals@aol.com
- Backbone-Academy, Kalbe, Germany, Telephone +49-4282-590688, Fax +49-721-151366446

Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA

What is Certification

- Certification is a voluntary process by which a non-government entity grants a time-limited recognition and use of a credential to an individual after verifying that he/she has met predetermined and standardized criteria.
- Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential.
- Professional certification is different from a curriculum certificate program.

What is the Difference Between Professional Certification and Curriculum Certificate

Professional certifications are independent of training courses.

A **professional certification program** (i.e. Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission of the AVCA) is a **non-governmental program** that does two things:

- Delivers an assessment based on industry knowledge, independent from training courses or course providers.
- Grants a time-limited credential to anyone who meets the assessment standards

With professional certification, the examination is NOT used as a mirror, but as a screen – to separate those who meet the assessment standards from those who do not.

A **Curriculum Certificate** Course is a non-degree granting program.

The purpose of the certificate course or program is to educate participants.

- Provides a course of instruction with intended learning outcomes.
- Evaluates participants' achievement of those same learning outcomes via an examination.
- Awards a curriculum certificate ONLY to those who have taken that specific course and passed that specific examination.

In the words of the NCCA standard, "Whereas the primary focus of a certificate course/program is on education/training ...the primary focus of professional or personnel certification is on assessment.

Why ACCC/AVCA Certification

ACCC/AVCA Certification makes an important statement about professional competence that is recognized by the profession, the public and some regulatory bodies.

- AVCA is the primary national credential for this field in North America (est. 1989)
- Certification was developed based upon input and oversight from both professions
- ACCC has embarked upon a program of continuous improvement for the certification program
- ACCC/AVCA promotes the highest standards of competence and safety in animal chiropractic care for the protection and benefit of the patient as well as the public

- ACCC/AVCA Certification establishes and promotes professional accountability and visibility
- Certification encourages continued professional growth and development
- Certification must be maintained through regular continuing education
- Certified Doctors may call themselves “certified in animal chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA)”
- ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctors are required to practice within the laws and regulations of their state/provincial licensure boards
- ACCC/AVCA Certification increases referrals by identifying those professionals who have met specific standards of knowledge and experience
- AVCA Certified Doctors, the first choice of clients, can be listed in the ACCC’s online referral directory of certified doctors which has come to be recognized and published as a valuable resource for consumers and other professionals to find qualified certified practitioners

Non-Reciprocity - AVCA Position Statement

The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) does NOT have a reciprocity agreement with any other certification program.

- No two certification programs are identical in eligibility requirements, examinations, and renewal requirements.
- Accordingly, the certification body with less rigorous requirements tends to benefit when its credential is treated as the equivalent of a more comprehensive and credible credential.
- Reciprocity agreements tend to be frowned upon in the professional certification world.
- Grandfathering is specifically prohibited in some accreditation programs for certification organizations.
- AVCA has spent a considerable amount of time and money upgrading the quality of their certification program.
- AVCA does not see any benefit in diluting the impact of these improvements by confusing external stakeholders regarding the meaning and value of the AVCA credential.

Steps to ACCC/AVCA Certification in Animal Chiropractic

- Attend a basic post-graduate animal chiropractic program that is approved by the Education Committee of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA).
- After successfully passing the AVCA approved program’s exit exam, apply to sit the ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations.
- Pass both the ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations.
- Applicant must hold a current/active (good standing) state/provincial license/registration of chiropractic or of veterinary medicine.
- Applicants receive 3 year certification by the ACCC/AVCA based on fulfillment of all requirements.

Maintaining Certification

- Certification is a voluntary process by which a non-government entity grants a time-limited recognition and use of a credential to an individual after verifying that certificant has met predetermined and standardized criteria.
- AVCA Certification is issued for a 3 year period. Certified doctors are responsible for renewing their certification every 3 years.
- The AVCA/ACCC is committed to promoting life-long continual improvement for those who have earned certification in animal chiropractic.

Recertification

- Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential.
- In order to remain certified by the AVCA, certificants must apply for recertification at the end of each three (3) year period.
- Recertification requirements mandate a minimum of 30 AVCA approved continuing education hours.

Expired Certification

A doctor whose certification has expired may re-certify by completing the following:

- Audit an AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic program Integrated module lectures and labs.
- Apply to sit the ACCC clinical (practical) examination within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.
- A letter of Integrated audit attendance from approved program must accompany application.
- Sit and pass the ACCC clinical (practical) examination within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.

Links to documentation, references

Membership

- <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/membership/>

Annual Conference

- <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/annual-conference/>
- <http://avca.regstep.com/>

Professional Practice Analysis (PPA)

- <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/AVCA-PPA-2019.pdf>

Education

- CE Standards - https://www.animalchiropractic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/AVCA_CE_Standards_2020.pdf
- Basic Provider Application - <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AVCABasicProgramProviderApp2020.pdf>
- AVCA Approved Basic Programs - <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/avca-approved-post-graduate-programs/>

Certification

- Difference Between Professional Certification and Curriculum Certificate - <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Professional-Certification-AVCA.pdf>
- Non-Reciprocity Statement - https://www.animalchiropractic.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Non-Reciprocity_Statement-Policy_AVCA.pdf
- Examination Information - <http://avcaexam.regstep.com/>
- Find a Doctor - <https://www.animalchiropractic.org/find-a-doctor/>

Animal Chiropractic Program Schedule

Module 1 - Sacro-Pelvic Module March 10-12, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	Total hours Per section
	Online Course Work			
	Accessing Blackboard	Dana Hollandsworth, DC	Online (YouTube)	1
	Chiropractic: The Philosophy, Science, & Art - What is an adjustment	Becky McGill, DC	Online	2
	Ethics & Legalities: Record Keeping, How to Practice Within the Law	Jesse Green, JD	Online	3
	Ethics and Legalities for DCs, practicing within your scope of practice	Becky McGill, DC	Online	2
	Report of Findings	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Research Part 1	Gary Marr, DC	Online	1
	Restraint of Exotic Animals	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Introduction to Zoonotic Diseases	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Biomechanics and Pathology of the Sacropelvic region, Equine	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1.5
	Pathology and Case Studies of the Sacropelvic Region, Canine	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Small Animal Neurological Exam and Diagnosis	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Chiropractic Neurology - Sacropelvic	Emily McLeod, DC		1
				16.5 hours
	FRIDAY, March 10		EAST 110	
12:00 – 1:00	Welcome, Introductions and Expectations	Abigail Kitchens, DVM Emily McLeod, DC		1
1:00 – 2:30	Introduction to Animal Chiropractic	Emily McLeod, DC		1.5
2:30 - 3:30	Basic Animal Restraint and Safety	Abigail Kitchens, DVM		1
3:30 - 4:00	Chiropractic Basics	Joseph Parrish, DC		0.5
4:00 - 6:00	Chiropractic Basics (split)	Joseph Parrish, DC Emily McLeod, DC		2
6:00 - 7:00	Adjusting Biomechanics 1	Emily McLeod, DC		1
				7 hours
	SATURDAY, March 11		EAST 110 & 106	
7:30 - 9:30	Anatomy of Sacro-Pelvic Region	Gene Gigglesman, DVM		2
9:30 - 10:30	Motion Palp and Spinal Analysis	Becky McGill, DC		1
10:30 - 12:30	Chiropractic Sacro-Pelvic Adjusting Technique – Canine	Gene Gigglesman, DVM Joseph Parrish, DC		2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Team meeting		
1:30 - 6:30	Canine Adjusting Wet Lab	AVCA Team		5
6:30 - 7:30	Chiropractic Sacro-Pelvic Adjusting Technique - Equine	Jim Ennis, DC Gary Marr, DC		1
				11 hours
	SUNDAY, March 12			
8:00 – 9:00	Horse Park Orientation	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	1
9:00 – 11:00	Equine Handling and Safety/Basic Terminology and Topographical anatomy	AVCA Team		2
11:00 - 11:30	Demonstration Sacropelvic	AVCA Team		0.5
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch			
12:00 – 4:30	Equine Adjusting Wet Lab	AVCA Team	THP	4.5
				8 hours

Module 1 Total Hours

26 (classroom and lab) + 16.5 (online) = 42.5

Animal Chiropractic Program Schedule

Module 2 - Cranial/Cervical

April 14-16, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	Total hours Per section
	Online Course Work			
	Module 1 Test	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Pathology and Case Studies of the Cranio-Cervical region – Small Animal	Mary Crist, DVM	Online	2.5
	Pathology and Case Studies of the Cranio-Cervical region – Large Animal	Jennifer Wickline, DVM	Online	2
	Effective Clinical and Client Communication Strategies	Emily McLeod, DC	Online	2
	Animal Pain Physiology and Pain detection	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	2
	Specific Craniocervical Pathology and Common Cases in Small Animals	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Small Animal Diseases that might present as Neurological or Musculoskeletal cases	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Research Part 2	Gary Marr, DC	Online	1
	Chiropractic Basics for Veterinarians	Emily McLeod, DC	Online	1
	Part 2 Equine Foot Physiology and Shoeing options	Matt Wimer, DVM, CJF	Online	2
	Chiropractic: The Science, Philosophy, and Art (SPA)	Becky McGill, DC	Online	2
				17.5 hours
	FRIDAY, April 14		EAST 110	
12:00 - 1:00	Working with Horses – In Real Life - Safety and how to "Read" Animals	Joseph Parrish, DC		1
1:00 - 2:00	Chiropractic Basics - Tactile	Joseph Parrish, DC		1
2:00 - 3:30	Anatomy of Craniocervical	Gene Gigglesman, DVM		1.5
3:30 - 5:00	Neurology of Craniocervical	Emily McLeod, DC		1.5
5:00 - 6:00	Introduction to Hoof Anatomy and Care	Matt Wimer, DVM		1
6:00 - 7:00	Intro to Collaborative Care for the Animal Patient	Emily McLeod, DC		1
				7 hours
	SATURDAY, April 15		EAST 110 & 106	
7:30 - 9:30	Integrating Animal chiropractic into your Chiropractic practice, Business models for Practice	Warren Wilson, DC		2
9:30 - 10:30	Motion Palpation and Spinal Analysis	Becky McGill, DC		1
10:30 - 12:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique – Canine	Gene Gigglesman, DVM Joseph Parrish, DC		2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Team meeting		
1:30 - 6:30	Canine Adjusting Wet Lab	AVCA Team		5
6:30 - 7:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Equine	Jim Ennis, DC Gary Marr, DC		1
				11 hours
	SUNDAY, April 16			
8:00 - 11:30	Lab Practical Exam covering Sacropelvic module; Review Adjusting Technique	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	3.5
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch			
12:00 - 4:30	Equine Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Wet Lab	AVCA Team	THP	4.5
				8 hours

Module 2 total hours

26 (classroom and lab) + 17.5 (online) = 43.5

Module 3 – Thoraco-Lumbar Module

Animal Chiropractic Program Schedule

May 5-7, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	Total hours Per section
	Online Course Work			
	Module 2 Test	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Pathology and Case Studies of the Thoraco-Lumbar region – SA	Mary Crist, DVM	Online	2
	Canine Rehabilitation	Mary Crist, DVM	Online	1
	Fee structuring, proper note taking, proper communications and referrals	Emily McLeod, DC	Online	2
	The Basics of Equine Biomechanics	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Zoonotic Diseases	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	4
	Equine Nutrition Basics	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Small Animal Nutrition Basics	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Chiropractic: The SPA	Becky McGill, DC	Online	3
	Research Part 3	Gary Marr, DC	Online	1
	Chiropractic Neurology - thoracolumbar	Emily McLeod, DC	Online	1.5
				18.5 hours
	FRIDAY, May 5		EAST 110	
12:00 - 1:00	Review of Safety and Restraint	Gene Gigglesman, DVM		1
1:00 - 3:30	Veterinary Anatomy of the thoraco-lumbar region	Gene Gigglesman, DVM		2.5
3:30 - 4:30	Chiropractic Basics Tactile	Joseph Parrish, DC		1
4:30 - 7:00	Introduction to Gaits	Abigail Kitchens, DVM		2.5
				7 hours
	SATURDAY, May 6		EAST 110 & 106	
7:30 - 10:30	Saddle Fit	Jennifer Wickline, DVM		3
10:30 - 12:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique – Canine	Abigail Kitchens, DVM Joseph Parrish, DC		2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Team Meeting		
1:30 - 6:30	Canine Adjusting Wet Lab	AVCA Team		5
6:30 - 7:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Equine	Jim Ennis, DC Gary Marr, DC		1
				11 hours
	SUNDAY, May 7			
8:00 – 11:30	Lab Practical Exam covering Sacropelvic/Craniocervical modules; Review Adjusting Technique	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	3.5
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch			
12:00 – 4:30	Equine Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Wet Lab	AVCA Team	THP	4.5
				8 hours

Module 3 total hours

26 (classroom and lab) + 18.5 (online) = 44.5

Animal Chiropractic Program Schedule

Module 4 – Extremity Module

June 16-18, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	Total hours Per section
	Online Course Work			
	Module 3 test	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Common Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Herbal Agents	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Common Plants Toxic to Small Animals	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Radiographic Anatomy - review	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	1
	Pathology of the Extremities – Large animal	Jennifer Wickline, DVM	Online	3
	Pathology of the Extremities – Small Animal	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	3
	Integrating Chiropractic into your Veterinary Practice	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Equine Behavior reading animals	Joseph Parrish, DC	Online	1
	Research Part 4	Gary Marr, DC	Online	1
	Chiropractic Neurology - Extremities	Emily McLeod, DC	online	1
	Equine Dentistry	Huntington?	Online	1
	Equine Sports Medicine	Huntington?	Online	2
				17 hours
	FRIDAY, June 16		EAST 110	
12:00 – 2:00	Anatomy of the Extremities	Gene Gigglesman, DVM		2
2:00 – 4:00	Chiropractic History	Gary Marr, DC		2
4:00 – 5:30	Adjusting Biomechanics 2	Emily McLeod, DC		1.5
5:30 – 6:30	Emotional Health, Imposter Syndrome, Personal Survival	Emily McLeod, DC		1
				7.5 hours

	SATURDAY, June 17		EAST 110 & 106	
7:30-9:30	Post Adjustment Care	Jennifer Wickline, DVM		2
9:30-10:30	Case Studies	Tiffany Torres, DVM		1
10:30-12:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique – Canine	Gene Gigglesman, DVM Joseph Parrish, DC		2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Team Member		
1:30 - 6:30	Canine Adjusting Wet Lab	AVCA Team		5
6:30 – 7:30	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Equine	Jim Ennis, DC Gary Marr, DC		1
				11 hours
	SUNDAY, June 18			
8:00 – 11:30	Lab Practical Exam covering Thoracolumbar module; Review Adjusting technique	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	3.5
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch			
12:00 – 4:30	Equine Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Wet Lab	AVCA Team	THP	4;5
				8 Hours

Module 4 total hours

25.5 (classroom and lab) + 17 (online) = 42.5

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Module 5 – Putting It All Together July 21-23, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	Total hours Per section
	Online Course Work			
	Module 4 test	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	1
	Chiropractic Basics	Joseph Parrish, DC	Online	1
	Chiropractic: The Philosophy, Science, & Art	Becky McGill, DC	Online	2
	Veterinary Basics – The Practice of Animal Chiropractic	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	2
	Small Animal Behavior and Breeds	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Online	2
	Equine Conformation – Form meets Function	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	2
	Canine Conformation – Form Meets Function	Abigail Kitchens, DVM	Online	2
	Integration of Animal Chiropractic into a multidisciplinary practice.	Emily McLeod, DC, Mary Crist DVM	Online	3
	Research Part 5	Gary Marr, DC	Online	2
				17 hours
	FRIDAY, July 21		EAST 110	
12:00 - 3:00	Animal Chiropractic Final Thoughts, Client education, Business Models For Practice	Emily McLeod, DC		3
3:00 - 4:00	When Good Adjustments go Bad	Emily Beason, DVM		1
4:00 - 5:00	Adverse Events from adjustments	Emily Beason, DVM		1
5:00 - 7:00	Practitioner Round Table and Dinner	AVCA Team		2
				7 hours
	SATURDAY, July 22			
	Do not meet at Parker – Drive directly from your location to Texas Horse Park Offsite Facility to arrive before 7:00am			
7:00 – 1:00	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Lab Review – Equine	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	6
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch on your own			
2:00 – 5:00	Chiropractic Adjusting Technique Lab Review – Canine	AVCA Team	Parker EAST 110	3
				9 hours
	SUNDAY, July 23			
7:00 – 8:30	Comprehensive Written Final Examination – when you finish go directly to the horse barn	Gene Gigglesman, DVM	Parker EAST 110	1.5
8:30 – 12:00	Comprehensive Practical examination covering all modules	AVCA Team	Texas Horse Park	3.5
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch			
12:30 – 4:30	First Adjustments and Awards	AVCA Team		4
				9 hours

Module 5 total hours

25 (classroom and lab) + 17 (online) = 42

Total hours:

215 hrs.