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COLLEGE OF ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course Catalog 2026-2028

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2. Discuss the problem with the manager or director of the school. If there is no resolution continue to step 3.
3. Discuss the problem with the owner of the school.

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Website: www.animalchiropractic.org Email: avcainfo@junct.com

The College and this Postgraduate Essential Animal Chiropractic Course is Approved by the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA).

Website: www.ivca.de Email: contact@ivca.de

Options for Animals Animal Chiropractic College is a founding Member Institution of the Association of Animal Chiropractic Colleges

Website: www.collegeofanimalchiropractors.org Email: contact@coachiro.org

This catalog was designed as a guide for applicants and participants in the Options for Animals Postgraduate Essential Animal Chiropractic Course. Options for Animals teaching and support staff have worked diligently to ensure this course is one of the best Educational experiences possible. Please do your part by taking the time to read this catalog

Thank you for inquiring about and/or attending Options for Animals and giving the gift of health by offering chiropractic to the animals in your practice

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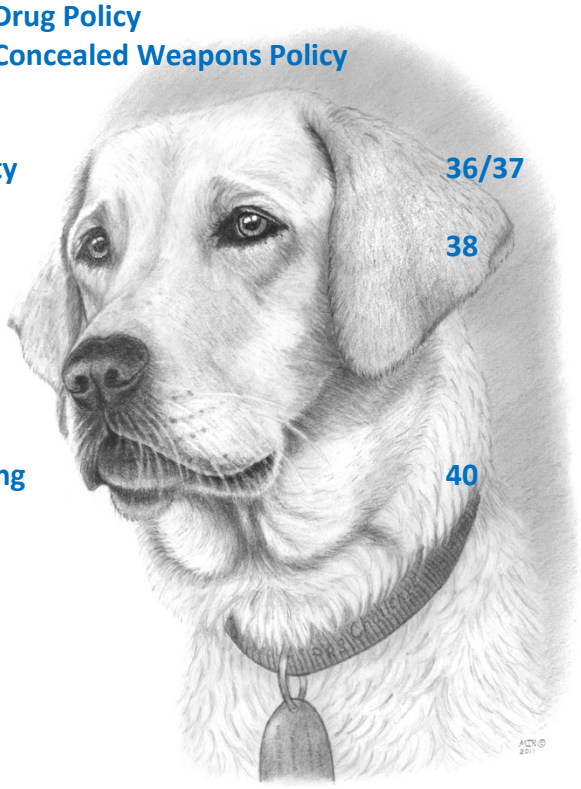


Choosing the Right School

(From the Kansas Board of Regents)

Choosing a school is a very important decision that should be made with care. Beware of misleading advertising about an educational opportunity that sounds too good to be true. It most likely is not a legitimate degree.

Consider the following:

Accreditation

Many online sites claim to be accredited institutions and even list the name of an accreditation agency. No Kansas institution may call itself accredited unless the accreditation agency is recognized by the United States Department of Education. Those accreditation agencies that are recognized by the United States Department of Education are listed on the United States Department of Education website www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html.

State Approval

Each state has a law governing educational institutions. Most states license online schools that are physically located within their borders. Licensed schools are required to meet a set of standards and to provide accurate consumer information to prospective students. In Kansas, all private and out-of-state post-secondary educational institutions are approved by the Kansas Board of Regents except for cosmetology (Kansas Board of Cosmetology) and barbering (Kansas Board of Barbering).

Transfer of Credit to Another Institution

The transfer of credits is a decision made by the receiving school. No institution should tell an individual that their courses will transfer unless they can show a written agreement listing the specific transfer courses. If an individual knows that he/she wants to attend another school, it is always wise to call the second school to ask if they take credits from the first.

Employment

If the ultimate goal is employment, a call to a prospective employer or an employer in your area of interest is important. It is also good to check with an agency in the state [you propose to work] where a license is required to verify that the education you are considering will meet their license requirements.

Be sure to ask any perspective employer what level of education is required for the occupation.

Complaints About the School

The Kansas Board of Regents, county attorney offices and the Kansas Attorney General's office all except complaints about institutions in Kansas. Check with these agencies to see if the institution you are considering has formal complaints in progress. It is also a good idea to check with the Better Business Bureau.

Visit the Prospective School

It is always a good idea to visit the school you are considering. There should not be any rush for you to sign an enrollment agreement on the spot. What you should get, however, is a catalog of courses, and a tour of the building where you will see equipment and facilities including library access at times you would need to be there. As you tour the classes, look for interaction between the instructor and the students, and the attitude of the students toward the activity they are doing. Look at the requirements of the program you are considering to see just how long it may take you to complete this program. Compare these to other institutions you visit in order to choose a school where you feel comfortable and learn as much as possible. Remember, you are investing in your future.

The Owner

Owner of, and Principal Instructor for,
Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic
Dr. Heidi Bockhold DC

Our Mission

From Options for Animals

All of us at Options for Animals share a vision that animal chiropractic deserves a place in the animal health care system. We have made a commitment to study, research, teach and write to inspire future animal chiropractors. We proceed with precision for knowing the foundations that we create will influence animal chiropractic care for generations of animals and humans to come.

Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic is committed to the continuing advancement of chiropractic as a health care choice for animals in the world community. We created and developed a new profession of animal health care, synthesized from the combination of our chiropractic and veterinary practices. Our ultimate goal is to relieve the pain and suffering of animals through the benefits of chiropractic care. The needs and desires of individual students, teachers or professions are always second to this goal.

We strive to bring the veterinary and chiropractic professions together for a common and higher goal. We understand that the profession of animal chiropractic requires the participation of both veterinarians and chiropractors in order to provide a more quality, complete and integrated approach to our animal patients' needs.

We promote the highest standard of care in animal chiropractic by offering the best in animal chiropractic education at our College of Animal Chiropractic. As this new knowledge enters established institutions around the world, we strive to continue being the 'Gold Standard' for animal chiropractic education. We are committed to continual evaluation and improvement of our educational format to reflect the changing needs of students in the world community. We continue to strive to achieve the highest level of recognition for our students whether by awarding certification, or academic degree.

We encourage our students to explore animal chiropractic with critical but open minds. Our students are encouraged to be creative in developing new chiropractic techniques, to expand existing knowledge through research and to share discoveries with the world. We support our students in developing inter- professional bonds in which individuals work together in respect and mutual support of animal chiropractic.

We understand that our time here is but brief, yet the ultimate truth in chiropractic is universal, enduring and significant.

Heidi Bockhold

Honoring our Past

We at Options for Animals remember, understand, and appreciate the skills and wisdom of those that have worked with us. We continue to strive for the excellence that they have brought forward through the years. We will always maintain the highest standards in all our endeavors and will pass on the torch when we feel we cannot. We humbly thank the following for their years of dedication and sacrifice for the betterment of animal health care. We apologize in advance for those we may have left off.

Dr. Sharon Willoughby-Blake
Veterinarian & Chiropractor

Dr. Dennis Eschbach
Chiropractor

Dr. Drew Spisak
Veterinarian

Dr. Heidi Bockhold
Chiropractor

Dr. Gary Marr
Chiropractor

Dr. Susan Chandler
Chiropractor

Dr. Michael Gleason
Chiropractor

Dr. Sue Ann Lesser
Veterinarian

Dr. Judith Shoemaker
Veterinarian

Our Original Founder

Sharon Willoughby, DC, DVM

Dr. Willoughby grew up in Michigan, where she attended Michigan State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science and as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1970. She worked in a private mixed-animal practice in Michigan for thirteen years. In 1983, her growing interest in animal chiropractic led her to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1986.

Dr. Willoughby taught classes at Palmer College of Chiropractic in the School of Chiropractic Technology from 1986 to 1989. She taught Anatomy/Physiology, Physical Examination and Neurological Examination. In 1988, she became the Interim Director for the School of Chiropractic Technology. During this time, she also practiced in an exclusive animal chiropractic practice. In 1989, she decided to pursue private practice in animal chiropractic full-time.

Dr. Sharon L. Willoughby and a small group of her colleagues founded the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) in 1989. This was the first school of its kind, anywhere in the world. In 2000, she relinquished the AVCA to its current Board of Directors and renamed her school Options for Animals. Shortly after, she sold the school to four of its long-time Board Members and instructors. Three of them own the school today and have developed its curriculum to the present-day standards. Options for Animals has always been the gold standard for animal chiropractic education.

Dr. Willoughby authored Equine Chiropractic Care 1989, Sacropelvic Adjusting text 1992, Thoracolumbar Adjusting text 1992, Cervical Adjusting text 1992, and Extremity Adjusting text 1991. She co-authored a book, Healing Your Horse (MacMillan Press) 1993. She also contributed the chapter on chiropractic for Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine (Mosby) 1998.

Dr. Sharon Willoughby, circa 1994

Dr. Willoughby passed away in the fall of 2010. She left her husband, Truman Blake and her son, Jason Jakubas. She has left a big hole in the world of animal chiropractic. We will miss her, and we thank her deeply for the contributions she gave us and the animal community that benefits from the gift of chiropractic.

Dennis Eschbach

Beloved Owner, Colleague and Friend

The Locale

Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic is located 35 miles southwest of Kansas City, Missouri. The largest metropolitan area in America's heartland, Kansas City straddles the border between two states – Kansas and Missouri. From its farming beginnings, contemporary Kansas City combines culture (visit the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art) with pioneer history like the Kansas City Museum.

Although Amtrak still pulls into **Union Station**, the facility is now known more for its museums, restaurants, and shops. At the station's KC Rail Experience, walk through a vintage railroad dining car, see a model train hugging through over 1,000 square feet of miniature terrain and hear the stories of railroad ghosts. **Science City**, another Union Station fixture, features 50 interactive exhibits. Kids can ride a bike 30 feet in the air, time their baseball pitches and talk to a paleontologist at work in the Dino lab.

At the American Jazz Museum, learn about music legends such as Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong and experiment with harmony, melody, and rhythm at a mock studio. The **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum** traces the heroes and hardships of the baseball players of the Negro Leagues through film, memorabilia and interactive computer stations.

Wilder folks who crave amusement-park thrills should head to **Worlds of Fun** for its 50 rides, including a fast, inverted roller coaster. To cool you off, splash at the park's Oceans of Fun, billed as the largest water park in the Midwest, with slides, wave pools, waterfall, and lazy rivers. The shoppers can visit **Crown Plaza.**

On the Kansas side of KC, take little ones to Overland Park's **Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead** to feed the animals, go on a hayride, and do crafts in a one-room schoolhouse. The 12-acre park is Open April 1 through October 21.

Find out about frontier history at **Fort Osage**, overlooking the Missouri River in Sibley, about 50 minutes away. Independence Missouri, 15 minutes from Kansas City, was the starting point for thousands of later pioneers as they started westward journeys. Ride in a covered wagon with **Pioneer Trails Adventures** and learn more about the westbound settler's lives at the National Frontier Trails Museum. Independence also was the home of the 22rd President of the Unites States, Harry S. Truman. Along with his papers, the **Truman Presidential Museum and Library** has a replica of his office in the White House.

One of a Kind Campus

The College was established in Port Byron, Illinois in 1988 as the first animal chiropractic school in the world. In 2005, the College moved to its newly built campus in Wellsville, Kansas and again, it was a first. It is the only campus in the world built exclusively for educating Chiropractors and Veterinarians Integrative Animal Health Care, specifically, the art, science and philosophy of Animal Chiropractic. Over 3,500 chiropractic and veterinary professionals have attended the College, with graduates in 28 countries on six continents. Its curriculum remains the most studied and best attended in the world.

Our Strengths

Our College of Animal Chiropractic has some unique advantages compared to most other schools that teach Animal Chiropractic. Our ultimate goal is to relieve the pain and suffering of animals through chiropractic care. We realize those goals by teaching veterinarians and chiropractors the most current and up to date information and research while using the most modern and advanced educational methods available. Our unique, clinically based curriculum is taught by faculty members that still run their own animal chiropractic practices. This ensures that our students get the knowledge they need from teachers that are truly passionate about their work and prepares them to graduate well prepared for a career in animal chiropractic.

In keeping with those high standards, our Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course is the only one of its kind approved by the Kansas Board of Regents, The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) and the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA). Our faculty is also unique in that all our instructors are certified by either one or both of these agencies. The college is also recognized by the AVMA and licensed in the state of Kansas as a teaching hospital.

Facilities of the College

Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic is a self-standing, fully self-contained building with climate-controlled barn, kennel and arena, two large classrooms, an osteological specimen room equipped for dissection and specimen preparation, a library and study center, a book store, and a functioning clinic.

Many of our faculty are involved in research, including the recent collaboration of the International Academy for Veterinary Chiropractic in Germany and the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands on their research in the use of chiropractic in the improvement of equine gait.

All of our instructors are encouraged to complete continuing education so that they can keep their lectures and laboratories as up to date as possible.

Affiliate Campus – Options for Animals – UK

The newest location for the Options for Animals Essential Animal Chiropractic course is in England. We are very excited and honored to have our program taught at the Washington Riding Center located at Tyne and Wear.

Animal Chiropractic

Introduction

Chiropractic colleges need to make a concerted effort to research and develop instructional methodologies that foster consistent terminology and…outcomes. In an effort to promote this atmosphere, many of the following excerpts are from the Association of Chiropractic College's (ACC) Chiropractic Paradigm. The ACC is committed to affirming the chiropractic profession by addressing issues facing chiropractic education.

What is Animal Chiropractic?

Chiropractic is an integral part of the holistic trend in animal health care. A holistic philosophy stresses the integration of all the external and internal influences on the organism in the study of health and disease. Holistic therapies are designed to intervene at the appropriate level and to work with, not against, the inborn homeostasis of the organism. This differs from pure allopathic philosophy that targets specific symptoms and pathologies, often separating and isolating those symptoms from the entire health paradigm of the patient.

Chiropractic offers tremendous potential in animal health care. It belongs in the health care spectrum along with medicine, surgery, acupuncture, homeopathy and other such modalities. Chiropractic care does not pretend to encompass the entire study of health and disease, but it does offer alternative explanations for disease and provides complementary therapy. The foundations of chiropractic philosophy are based on the intimate relationship of the spinal column to the nervous system, as well as the role of the spinal column in biomechanics and movement.

"Health is the state about which medicine has nothing to say."
- W.H. Auden

The Postgraduate Animal Chiropractic Courses offered by Options for Animals were the first of their kind in the world. All other programs that now exist were developed from those programs. Most of the knowledge used to cultivate the first program was extrapolated from the human chiropractic profession. Both functional theories and techniques were used to explain and obtain clinical results. The last twenty-five years have demonstrated the tremendous benefit that animals receive from the integration of animal chiropractic into the veterinary clinical practice.

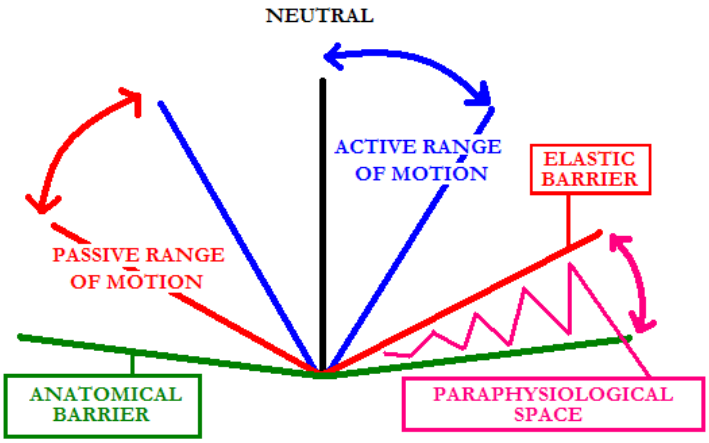
Chiropractic Is …

The ACC Position on Chiropractic:

-- Chiropractic is a health care discipline that emphasizes the inherent recuperative power of the body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery.

The practice of chiropractic focuses on the relationship between structure (primarily the spine) and function (as coordinated by the nervous system) and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health. In addition, Doctors of Chiropractic recognize the value and responsibility of working in cooperation with other healthcare practitioners when in the best interest of the patient.

The Association of Chiropractic Colleges continues to foster a unique, distinct chiropractic profession that serves as a health care discipline for all. The ACC advocates a profession that generates, develops, and uses the highest level of evidence possible in the provision of effective, prudent, and cost-conscious patient evaluation and care.



The ACC Chiropractic Paradigm:

-- The purpose of chiropractic is to optimize health. The principle that guides this is the body's innate recuperative power which is affected by and integrated through the nervous system.

The practice of chiropractic includes the establishment of a [chiropractic] diagnosis, the facilitation of neurological and biomechanical integrity through appropriate chiropractic case management, and the promotion of health.

The foundation this is built on includes philosophy, science, art, knowledge, and clinical experience.

The chiropractic paradigm directly influences education, research, health care policy and research, relationships with other health care providers, professional stature, public awareness and perceptions, and patient health through quality care.

Animal Chiropractors Treat …

...Vertebral Subluxation Complexes (VSC).

The ACC Definition of Subluxation:

-- Chiropractic is concerned with the preservation and restoration of health and focuses particular attention on the vertebral subluxation complex (VSC).

A vertebral subluxation complex is a multifaceted condition of functional and/or structural pathological articular changes that compromise neural integrity and may influence organ system function and general health.

A vertebral subluxation complex is evaluated, diagnosed, and managed through the use of chiropractic procedures based on the best available rational and empirical evidence.

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) defines a VSC "as an aberrant relationship between two adjacent articular structures that may have functional or pathology sequence, causing an alteration in the biomechanical and/or neurophysiological reflections of these articular structures, their proximal structures and/or body systems that may be directly or indirectly affected by them."

The VSC is Treated By…

…the Animal Chiropractor utilizing an Adjustment. An adjustment is defined as a very specific, short lever, high velocity, controlled thrust, by hand or instrument, that is directed at specific articulations to correct vertebral subluxation complexes and/or other subluxation complexes throughout the body.

Animal Chiropractic Does Not…

…include the dispensing or recommendations for dispensing medications, performance of surgery, injections of medications or the replacement of necessary traditional veterinary care. Animal Chiropractic is integrated with concurrent veterinary primary care.

Protocol of Animal Chiropractic

The treatment procedures utilized in Animal Chiropractic include the adjustment of vertebrae, the adjustment of the extremities and the adjustment of cranial sutures. Animal chiropractic care also includes management advice as to what is needed to ensure proper response to chiropractic care.

The practice of Animal Chiropractic includes taking a thorough case history, consisting of at least subjective information from the owner, information previously determined from examinations radiographs or laboratory analysis, and information as to previous diagnoses and therapies.

Animal Chiropractic includes an examination of the animal patient prior to spinal, extremity or cranial adjustments. The examinations performed include, but are not limited to posture analysis, gait analysis, vertebral, extremity and cranial static palpation, vertebral and extremity motion palpation, short leg analysis, orthopedic evaluation and neurological evaluation.

The information from the case history and examination are combined to determine a working diagnosis. The Animal Chiropractor must decide what course of action to proceed with, including adjusting vertebral subluxation complexes, adjusting subluxation complexes in the extremities, and/or referring the patient back to his primary care veterinarian for further examination or care. This procedure of triage is called “gatekeeping.”

Gatekeepers are simply doctors that provide a “portal of entry” for the patient at which time the patient is triaged and decisions are made as to which doctors might best treat the conditions of a patient at any particular time.

The animal patient MUST always have concurrent care by a primary care veterinarian.

The Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course

The Postgraduate Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course is designed as continuing education for chiropractors and veterinarians. The curriculum meets the standard of education put forth by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) and the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA). Its purpose is to provide exceptional education in Animal Chiropractic to ensure that its graduates can practice with the highest Standard of Care.

The course consists of classroom and home study. Classroom study consists of a minimum of 210 hours of lecture and laboratory. Classroom instruction is offered in a modular format, consisting of five modules, with each module consisting of four and a half days. The modules can be taken in several formats (see Academic Calendar, p. 24), completing them anywhere from five weeks to two years. Home study is required with the average student spending at least eight to ten hours to complete home assignments after each module. All class and home study progress in monitored by written and practical examinations.

Upon successful completion of the course a certificate of attendance will be issued by the College. This certificate enables the student to register for additional clinical competency examination by both the AVCA and IVCA and to register as qualified animal chiropractors in states such as Oklahoma and Minnesota.(Additional information can be obtained at their websites: AVCA – www.animalchiropractic.org and the IVCA – www.ivca.de)

Policy Changes

The provisions of this Catalog should not be construed by the applicants or students as an irrevocable contract. The College reserves the right to affect policy and regulatory changes at any time. Moreover, the College does not assume responsibility for giving advance notice made in policies, criteria or rule.

Licensure Requirements

Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic makes every reasonable effort to qualify students to sit for all licensing, certification and/or clinical competency examinations, but makes no assurance that any graduate will be qualified to take these examinations or pass any of these examinations.

State, Provincial, and governmental laws and Boards of Examiners administrative rules and regulations experience periodic changes; therefore, each candidate desiring to pursue the professional program offered by the College is responsible to ascertain all information relative to his or her qualifications to practice in any jurisdiction that he or she selects.

Admissions

Transfer of Credit

Currently, Options for Animals does not accept transfer of credits from other institutions.

Eligibility

An applicant must be a Chiropractor or Veterinarian; or, a Chiropractic or Veterinary Student in their last Semester/Trimester of study. The Applicant must be in good standing in the areas in which he/she practices and with his/her professional associations.

Students from the United States

Chiropractors and Veterinarians from the United States must have received their degrees from a school approved by the Committee on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Foreign Students

Chiropractors and Veterinarians from outside the United States must have graduated from schools accepted by their countries. (i.e. Chiropractors from the England must be from schools approved by the General Chiropractic Council (GCC).

Application Process

All professionals interested in the College of Animal Chiropractic should obtain an enrollment application by writing to the College Registration Department at Options for Animals, PO Box 3682, Cartersville, GA 30120, USA; by calling the office at +1 309 658 2920; by emailing the office at Options4Animals@aol.com; by using the application in this catalog; or, by applying on-line at www.optionsforanimals.com.

The enrollment application is intended for the Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic's Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course. If taken consecutively, the course consists of five (5), four and one half (4½) day sessions, spread over a period of between 5 weeks to 5 months, depending on which schedule is chosen.

At these sessions, the student will receive written notes and a minimum of 135 Hours of Lecture and a minimum of 75 Hours of Hands-On Laboratory Time. The student will be assigned to a faculty advisor that will personally coach the student throughout the course and for up to three months after the completion of the course. Coaching beyond this time period is available for an additional fee.

After successful completion of the course, the student will receive a certificate of completion. Options for Animals makes no guarantee as to career placement or career opportunities for any of its students that complete the course. The completion certificate does allow the student to attain further certification by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA; www.animalchiropractic.org; 918-784-2231) and/or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA; www.ivca.de). These certification examinations do include a separate fee. Please contact the associations directly for more information on these certifications and their fees and requirements.

With the signed and completed enrollment application, the applicant must include:

1. A copy of his/her license, diploma, or supporting documents as described in this Course Catalog (Students please include a letter of good standing from your professional college on letterhead saying you are in good standing and when you are to graduate.)
2. Payment. (Minimum $350.00 USD Deposit as described below.)

Payment Options (Effective September 1, 2026)

1. **Payment in full is preferred and is discounted.** Total for the 5 Modules is $8,725.00 USD. Full payment is due no sooner than thirty (30) days before the start of the first module and no later than the end of the first module. (Applications after 9/1/2027 will be $8,975.00 USD.)

2. **Standard Payment plan:** Consists of three payments of $2,875.00 USD at the first, second, and third modules and then the student's tuition will be paid in full. These payments are after the deposit of $350 which is paid when the student enrolls in the Essential Animal Chiropractic Course. Total payments for tuition is $8975.00 USD. (Applications after 9/1/2027 will be 3 payments of $2,958.33 after the paid deposit of $350.00 for a total of $9,225.00).

A student can terminate his/her application at any time; can withdraw from the course at any time; and the College can terminate a student's enrollment for insufficient progress, non-payment, or failure to comply with all rules as stated in the Course Catalog. Refund of all monies due the student will be made within 60 days of termination and will be determined by strict guidelines as regulated by K.S.A. 88-22-2 and as described in this Course Catalog.

Fees and Expenses

Tuition

Tuition for the Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course is between Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five United States Dollars ($8,725.00 USD) and Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five ($8,975.00 USD) (After 9/1/2027 between $8,975.00 USD and $9,225.00 USD.) The difference depends on your option for payment. In addition, there is a required list of books that will cost no more than Five Hundred United States Dollars ($500.00 USD).

Other Fees

In addition, there is a required list of textbooks and/or other materials that will cost no more than Five Hundred United States Dollars ($500.00 USD).

Deposits

Deposit to Hold a Seat:

Sessions often fill quickly. You are placed on the roster when a completed application and the deposit fee or tuition is received at the Options for Animal's office. If a group of modules is already filled, you will be notified and have the choice to be placed on a waiting list, have your application processed for the next most convenient session or have your application returned and all monies refunded.

The minimum DEPOSIT FEE to hold a seat is $350.00 USD. Please remit the Deposit fee with this enrollment form if application is made more than thirty (30) days before the start of the first module. If you fail to enter the course, for any reason (except a full course as described above), all monies paid will be refunded within 60 days of withdrawal, less a non-refundable application fee of $150.00 USD.

DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS until you have written confirmation from Options on your placement and status. We cannot guarantee that you can attend if placed on a waiting list.

Refund of Academic Fees

Students leaving the College may receive a refund of fees. Subject to certain exceptions and because of the nature of the curriculum, refunds will be calculated after the Registration Department receives a written request from the student. Fee refunds are paid in accordance with the following schedule:

The student will receive a full refund of all money paid (minus the application fee of $150.00 USD) if the student cancels within the first two days of the first module of the program.

A student who withdraws or is dismissed after attending at least one class, but before completing 60% of the program in the current enrollment period, is entitled to a pro rata refund as follows:

PERCENTAGE OF COURSE COMPLETED		
AT LEAST	BUT LESS THAN	REFUND OF TUITION
	10%	90%
10%	20%	80%
20%	30%	70%
30%	40%	60%
40%	50%	50%
50%	60%	40%
60%		NO REFUND

As part of this policy, the College may retain a one-time application fee of no more than $150.00 USD. The College will make every effort to refund prepaid amounts for books, supplies and other charges, as long as they have been returned in good condition. A student will receive the refund within 40 working days of termination date. If a student withdraws after completing 60% of the instruction, the school may refund a pro rata amount; if withdrawal is due to mitigating circumstances beyond the student's control.

Academic Calendar

The Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course must be completed in two (2) years. This option gives the student a chance to begin in one set of modules but continue in other sets as needed to fit their schedule. The modules must be taken in order, and the first four modules must be completed before attending the fifth and final module which includes final examinations.

These options are also in effect for all continuing education / continuing professional development courses.

Following are the schedules for all locations. Please note that these dates may occasionally change due to situations beyond our control. Always check our website at www.optionsforanimals.com or call the office at +1-309-658-2920 to verify times and locations.

DATES MAY CHANGE PERIODICALLY!! PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE SCHEDULE PAGE, OR CALL FOR THE MOST CURRENT DATES.

College of Animal Chiropractic Main Campus in Wellsville, KS

Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course 2027-2029

The Essentials Program 5 Week Accelerated Program			
2027	**Course**	**1st Offering Dates**	**Class Days**
	Sacropelvic	July 14 - 18, 2027	Wednesday - Sunday
	Thoracolumbar	July 21 - 25, 2027	Wednesday - Sunday
	Cervical	July 28 – Aug 1, 2027	Wednesday - Sunday
	Extremity	Aug 4 – 8, 2027	Wednesday - Sunday
	Integrated	August 11 - 15, 2027	Wednesday - Sunday
2028	**Course**	**1st Offering Dates**	**Class Days**
	Sacropelvic	July 12 -16, 2028	Wednesday - Sunday
	Thoracolumbar	July 19 -23, 2028	Wednesday - Sunday
	Cervical	July 26 – 30, 2028	Wednesday - Sunday
	Extremity	August 2 – 6, 2028	Wednesday - Sunday
	Integrated	August 9 - 13, 2028	Wednesday - Sunday
2029	**Course**	**1st Offering Dates**	**Class Days**
	Sacropelvic	July 11 - 15, 2029	Wednesday - Sunday
	Thoracolumbar	July 18 - 22, 2029	Wednesday - Sunday
	Cervical	July 25– 29, 2029	Wednesday - Sunday
	Extremity	August 1 – 5, 2029	Wednesday - Sunday
	Integrated	August 8 - 12, 2029	Wednesday - Sunday

Course	Spring 2027 Dates	Fall 2027 Dates	Spring 2028 Dates	Fall 2028 Dates	Spring 2029 Dates	Fall 2029 Dates
Sacropelvic	Feb 10-14, 2027	Oct 6-10, 2027	Feb 9-13, 2028	Oct 4-8, 2028	Feb 7-11, 2029	Oct 3-7, 2029
Thoracolumbar	Mar 17-21, 2027	Nov 3–7, 2027	Mar 15-19, 2028	Nov 8–12, 2028	Mar 14-18, 2029	Nov 7-11, 2029
Cervical	April 14-18, 2027	Dec 8-12, 2027	April 12-16, 2028	Dec 13-17, 2028	April 11-15, 2029	Dec 5-9, 2029
Extremity	May 12-16, 2027	Jan 12-16, 2028	May 17-21, 2028	Jan 17-21, 2029	May 9-13, 2029	Jan 9-13, 2030
Integrated	June 9-13, 2027	Feb 16-20, 2028	June 14-18, 2028	Feb 14-18, 2029	June 13-17, 2029	Feb 13-17, 2030

College of Animal Chiropractic Main Campus in Wellsville, KS CE/CPD 2027-2028		
Course	**2027**	**2028**
Advanced Integrated 1 (A complete Technique review plus Intro to Essential Oils)	Thursday, March 11 – Sunday, March 14, 2027	
Advanced Int 2 plus Intro to Equine Rehab And PT Technique	Thursday, September 30 – Sunday October 3, 2027	
Advanced Sacropelvic Plus Logan Basic		Thursday, March 9, Sunday, March 12, 2028
Complete Technique Review		Friday, May 8 - Friday May 10, 2028
Advanced Thoracolumbar Plus CMRT 1		Thursday, September 28 – Sunday October 1, 2028

Options for Animals – UK Campus **The Essentials Program In Person (Lecture done online)**	
Course	**Dates**
Sacropelvic	January 16 – 17, 2027
Thoracolumbar	February 13 – 14, 2027
Cervical	March 13 – 14, 2027
Extremity	April 10 – 11, 2027
Integrated	May 7 – 9, 2027

The Curriculum

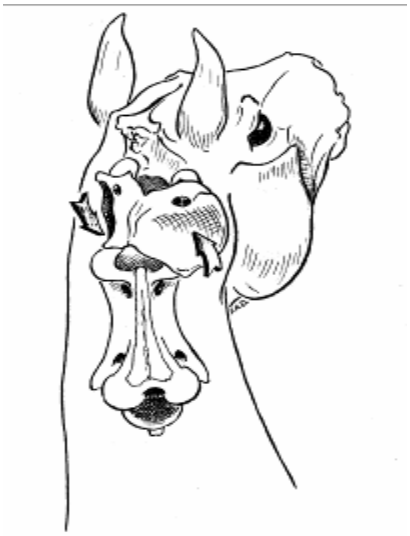
The Postgraduate Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course Curriculum

The curriculum of the Basic Animal Chiropractic Course is composed of at least 210 hours of education consisting of a minimum of 75 hours of hands-on laboratories and a minimum of 135 hours of lectures. Following is a brief description of these classes (Times are estimates, as some classes of students require more time to complete the required studies, and some require less.):

Anatomy and Biomechanics

Comparative Anatomy – 8 hours – All pertinent aspects comparing equine, bovine, canine, feline and human osteology, myology and syndesmology will be discussed. Fully articulated skeletal models of the horse and dog, equine and canine spine models, as well as hundreds of individual bones and models are available for use in these classes.

Neuroanatomy and Physiology – 5 hours – The basic cellular and physiological processes of the neuron and nervous system will be discussed. Topics include cellular neuroanatomy and physiology, the brachia plexus, the lumbosacral plexus, the autonomic nervous system and the cranial nerves.



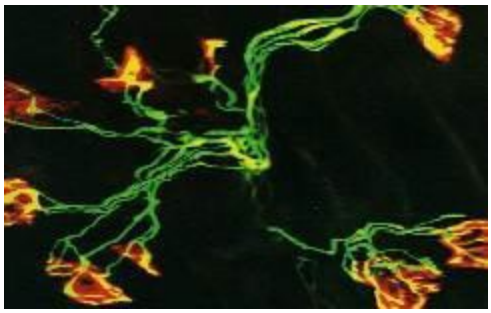
Topographical Laboratory – 6 hours – All students will statically palpate and locate all pertinent anatomical landmarks on the equine and canine.

Dissection Laboratory – 8 hours – Students will investigate and study pertinent comparative anatomical structures by dissection and by examining previously dissected specimens.

Basic Spinal and Extremity Biomechanics – 4 hours – Normal movement and joint mechanics in each motion unit of the body will be discussed in order that the student is able to analyze normal versus compensatory movement.

Advanced Biomechanics – 3 hours – Equine and canine gait analysis including topics such normal gaits, abnormal gaits and conformational faults and gait.

Applied Functional Neurology



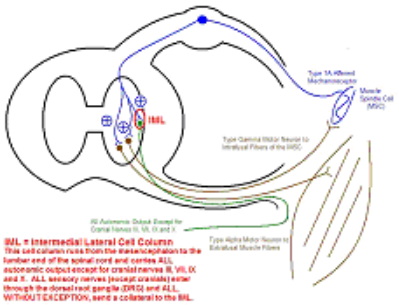
Applied Functional Neurology – 7 hours – These lectures explore the functional aspects of the nervous system as it applies to animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment. Topics include the evolution of joint injury, mechanoreceptors and proprioception, spinal reflexes and cord level reactions, suprasegmental control, and nociception as well as lectures that put it all together.

Animal Chiropractic Diagnosis

Differential Diagnosis of Large and Small Animal Neuromusculoskeletal Conditions – 4 hours – These lectures emphasize an integrated diagnosis of the entire patient using diagnostic resources of signalment, history and consultation, posture analysis, static palpation (osseous, muscle, temperature, coat changes, etc.) motion palpation and gait analysis. Emphasis is placed on how these diagnoses relate and integrate into the primary health care of the animal.

Motion Palpation Laboratory – 8 hours – These laboratories assist the student in developing their 'feel' for the normal versus abnormal movement in motion units. Motion palpation is carried out on small and large animal as well as each other.

Diagnostic Imaging – 4 hours – Plain film radiography, digital radiography, myelography, fluoroscopy and magnetic resonance imaging are discussed and evaluated for normal and abnormal findings.



Neurological Examination – 2 hours – This lecture explores the traditional equine and canine neurological examination including live and video demonstration.

Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Techniques

General Principles of Animal Chiropractic Adjusting – 4 hours – Certain factors increase the efficiency, safety, reliability and comfort of the doctor and patient during the chiropractic adjustment. These factors are discussed and demonstrated.

General Principles of Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Laboratory – 8 hours – Students will learn and fine tune, through hands on laboratories, the principles learned above. Topics such as doctor hand and body positions, contact points, safety and handling, use of speeder boards and intricacies of the chiropractic adjusting thrust will be practiced.

Basic Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Techniques – 16 hours – Specific animal chiropractic treatment techniques will be discussed and demonstrated. Areas included are sacropelvic, thoracolumbar, cervical, front limb, rear limb, ribs, TMJ, tail and cranium.

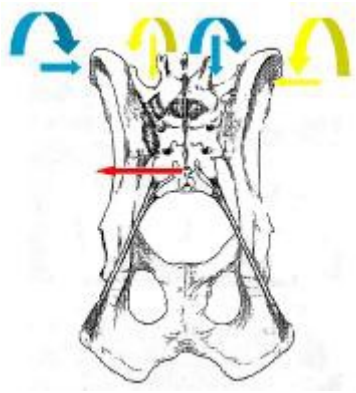
Basic Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Techniques Laboratory – 20 hours – Individual hands-on instruction in all adjusting techniques above are practiced on the horse and dog.

Review of Basic Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Techniques – 7 hours – All basic animal chiropractic adjusting techniques are reviewed.

Review of Basic Animal Chiropractic Adjusting Techniques Laboratory – 13 hours – All adjusting techniques taught the module before are reviewed and individual hands-on instruction is utilized for the second time on each technique. This individual hands-on teaching occurs a third time during the integrated module as a review before the final examinations.

Open Question and Answer Technique Laboratory –

4 hours – Students are given a chance to ask any questions they may have while in a laboratory setting so that demonstration on the animal is possible.



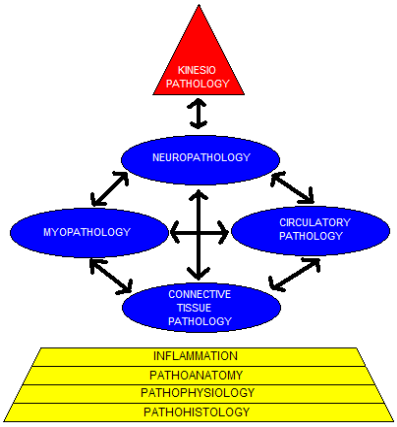
Comparative Animal Chiropractic Techniques Lecture and Laboratory – 4 hours – At least four different animal chiropractic adjusting techniques are demonstrated and the students are encouraged to ask questions about each. This gives the student exposure to other methods and affords them the opportunity to seek further education in those techniques if desired.

Rehabilitation – 2 hours – This lecture offers a basic review of several muscle, exercise and rehabilitative techniques.

Management of the Animal Chiropractic Patient

Basic Case Management – 7 hours – These lectures address some of the common topics in everyday case management including, the lay lecture, introduction to leads and collars, introduction to saddle and harness fit, equine teeth and bits and the equine foot.

Integrated Case Management – 6.5 hours – (All of the following are addressed by lecture, in small group discussion and/or with expert panel debate through an open question forum.) Review of the chiropractic theories and the contemporary vertebral subluxation complex; define assess and apply animal chiropractic diagnosis of the vertebral subluxation complex; and investigate the creation and application of appropriate clinical goals and applying them to our integrative treatment protocols.



Chiropractic Sciences

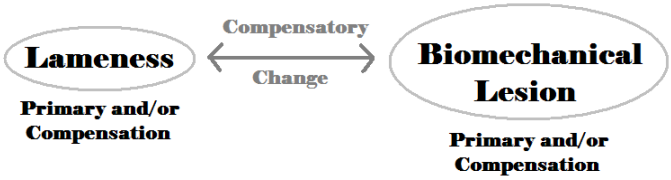
Basic Chiropractic Theories and Tenets – 16 hours – Fundamental chiropractic topics are discussed including terminology and listing systems, history of chiropractic, vertebral subluxation complex 1 - chiropractic theories, and vertebral subluxation complex 2 - exploring the contemporary VSC.

Chiropractic Pathology – 4 hours – Pertinent chiropractic pathologies and how adjusting techniques as well as integrative modalities can influence treatment of those pathologies.

Veterinary Sciences

Basic Veterinary Theories and Tenets – 16 hours – Fundamental veterinary topics are discussed including safety and handling, physiology and pharmacology, zoonotic and metabolic conditions and lameness including demonstration of the lameness exam.

Veterinary Pathology – 4 hours – Pertinent large and small animal pathologies are discussed as well as their implications in complimentary chiropractic care. Discussion on how chiropractic and other integrative modalities can influence treatment of those pathologies.



History and Philosophy of Animal Chiropractic

Animal Chiropractic History – 1 hour – This lecture explores the modern history of animal chiropractic.

Philosophy – 4 hours – Here we explore the philosophy behind the chiropractic approach to health care and how it influences the practice philosophies of the animal chiropractor.

Introduction to the Vertebral Subluxation Complex – 1 Hour – This lecture provides the student of an overview of the vertebral subluxation complex so that they can relate to the chiropractic topics at an early stage in the course.

Ethics and Legalities

Ethics and Legalities – 4 hours – The ethical and legal implications of chiropractors and veterinarians practicing animal chiropractic are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the primary care of the patient by a veterinarian as well as the integrative team approach to animal chiropractic.

Current Research

Current Research – 4 hours – Pertinent current research topics are discussed. Students are expected to read a certain number of current research articles each module.

Examinations

Written Examinations – 5 hours – Students are tested each module on material covered in the previous modules. A final examination is taken on the last day of classes.

Practical Examinations – 6 hours – Students are tested on their application of the basic animal chiropractic adjusting techniques taught at the previous module. A final examination is taken on the last day of classes.

Homework

Case Reports – At the beginning of each of the second through fifth modules each student is to hand in home study reports. These reports should detail all aspects of an animal chiropractic case that they are managing at home. If the student fails to turn in all homework assignments, then they will not receive a certificate of completion.

Text Book Reading Assignments – Each module the students are given reading assignments from required texts. These readings are required and tested for on the next examinations.

Academic Review During the Course

At the beginning of each of the second through fifth modules the students will undertake a written and practical examination. Academic achievement will be monitored by this process. Each student will be required to maintain marks greater than 75% in two tracts; one, the written exams and homework, and two, the practical exams. A student may be placed on academic probation if their marks fall below 75% and continued low marks would be grounds for academic dismissal from the program. If a student does not pass more than one exam, then they will not be allowed to complete the program. They can re-enroll in another class and take the whole course over.

Attendance

Attendance to all lectures and laboratories is mandatory. Emergency absences will have to be made up. How and when the hours missed will be made up will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Enrollment Application

Po Box 3682
Cartersville GA 30120 USA

Application for Attendance in the Post-Graduate Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course

Please print legibly. This application constitutes an enrollment agreement and is deemed a Contractual relationship between the applicant and Options for Animals as regulated by K.S.A 74-32, 162-183 and K.S.A 88-23-2a.)

Application for the Course with the Sacropelvic Module Beginning: (mo)_ _ / (yr) _ _ _ _

This application is for the Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic's Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course. If taken consecutively, the course consists of five (5), four and one half (4½) day sessions, spread over a period of five to six (5-6) months. Beginning May, 2008, lunch, Wednesday through Saturday will be provided by the College.

At these sessions, the student will receive written notes and a minimum of 135 Hours of Lecture and a minimum of 75 Hours of Hands-On Laboratory Time. The student will be assigned to a faculty advisor that will personally coach the student throughout the course and for up to three months after the completion of the course. Coaching beyond this time period is available for an additional fee.

After successful completion of the course, the student will receive a certificate of completion. Options for Animals makes no guarantee as to career placement or career opportunities for any of its students that complete the course. The completion certificate does allow the student to attain further certification by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA; www.animalchiropractic.org; 918-784-2231) and/or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (www.ivca.de). These certification examinations do include a separate fee. Please contact the associations directly for more information on these certifications and their fees and requirements.

Tuition for the Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course is between Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five United States Dollars ($8,725.00 USD) and Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five United States Dollars ($8,975.00 USD). (After 9/1/2027 between $8,975.00 USD and $9,225.00 USD. The difference depends on your option for payment (See page 3 of this application). In addition, there is a required list of books that will cost no more than Five Hundred United States Dollars ($500.00 USD).

A student can terminate his/her application at any time; can withdraw from the course at any time; and the College can terminate a student's enrollment for insufficient progress, non-payment, or failure to comply with all rules as stated in the Course Catalog. Refund of all monies due the student will be made within 60 days of termination and will be determined by strict guidelines as regulated by K.S.A. 88-22-2 and as described on Page 3 of this Application and in the Course Catalog.

Admission Requirements:

(For a complete list of Admission Requirements please refer to the Course Catalog.)

The Applicant must be a Chiropractor or Veterinarian; or, a Chiropractic or Veterinary Student in their last Semester/Trimester of study.

The Applicant must be in good standing in the areas in which he/she practices and with his/her professional associations.

With this signed and completed application, the applicant must include:

☐ 1. A copy of his/her license, diploma, or supporting documents as described in the Course Catalog (Students please include a copy of your professional school transcript).

☐ 2. Payment as described on page 3. (Minimum $350.00 USD Deposit.)

Application:

Doctor's Name: _____

Degree: ☐ DC ☐ DVM ☐ VMD License Number:_____State/Country:_____

Contact Address and Phone: ☐ Home ☐ Business ☐ Other _____

Street Address: _____

City:_____State/Province: _____

Postal Code:_____Country: _____

Daytime Phone:_____Fax: _____

Email Address:_____Website: _____

Emergency Contact Person: Name: _____

Relation to you:_____Phone:_____

Deposit to Hold a Seat:

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(See the course catalog for specific details on refunds as regulated by K.S.A. 88-23-2.)

DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS until you have written confirmation from Options on your placement and status. We cannot guarantee that you can attend if placed on a waiting list.

Payment Options: (Effective September 1, 2026)

(Please check one of the following.)

☐ 1. Payment in full is preferred and is discounted. Total for the 5 Modules is $8,725.00 USD. Full payment is due no sooner than thirty (30) days before the start of the first module and no later than the end of the first module. (Applications after 9/1/2027 will be $8,975.00 USD.)

☐ 2. Standard Payment plan: Consists of three payments of $2,875.00 USD at the first, second, and third modules and then the student's tuition will be paid in full. These payments are after the deposit of $350 which is paid when the student enrolls for the Essential Animal Chiropractic course. Total payments for tuition is $8,975.00 USD. (Applications after 9/1/2027 will be 3 payments of $2,958.33 USD totaling $9,225.00 USD after the $350 deposit.)

Forms of Payment:

All forms of payment should be made payable to: Options for Animals

☐ 1. Bank Check in United States Funds,

☐ 2. United States Money Order or International Money Order,

☐ 3. Bank Transfers (Please contact the school for bank transfer information.), or

☐ 4. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover (3.5% fee applies if using a credit card) and Debit cards are accepted

Type of Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Debit

Charge Card Number: _____

Expiration Date:_____3-Digit Code on back of card. _____

Cardholder's Name as it appears on the Credit Card: _____

Billing Address of Credit Card: _____

_____Zip/Postal Code_____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ:

Every attempt is made to offer courses and seminars as announced. Options for Animals reserves the right to adjust course and seminar dates, times, locations, faculty and tuition to accommodate unexpected circumstances and occurrences. (Once enrolled, the tuition will not change as long as the course is completed within two years.) Every attempt will be made to notify paid registrants in advance of program changes. Options cannot be held responsible for expenses incurred by registrants if programs must be altered. Fees are subject to change without notice. This program is approved by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA), the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA) and the Kansas Board of Regents.

Prior to signing this Enrollment Agreement, each Party has read and understands and agrees to all of the provisions of this Agreement. All provisions are enforceable as soon as the Applicant signs the Agreement and it is received by the College.

Applicant:

_____**Date:** _____

College Administrator:

_____**Date:** _____

Please submit this Enrollment Agreement (All four pages completed and signed) to the following address or Email.

Registrations:

Options for Animals **or** **Email: options4animals@aol.com**
P. O. Box 3682
Cartersville, GA 30120 USA

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Code of Ethics

Code of Ethics (Honor Code)

Honesty is an essential part of professionalism. The Code of Ethics places the responsibility for honor and honesty on the student.

Written examinations are not strictly proctored by faculty members. Teaching aides and equipment used in the classroom and laboratories are made available for instruction with the understanding that the doctors in the class will treat them with respect and only use them for their intended purposes without being policed by the faculty members.

The code applies to all students and instructors of the College and helps to promote ethical standards of personal and professional conduct. Reports of violations of this code will be investigated promptly and thoroughly, and every precaution is taken to arrive at a just decision. Anyone found guilty of violating the code may be dismissed from the College. Anyone unwilling to accept the code should not apply to the College.

Rules of Conduct

Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic strives to make the learning and work environment as safe as possible. To that end, the College does not tolerate actual or threatened violence on its premises or directed to a college staff member, faculty member, student, guest or visitor, on or off the premises. Verbal or written threats of any kind, even in jest, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination, expulsion, or removal from the premises pending investigation.

Drug Free College Campus

The possession, use, distribution or sale of narcotics or drugs, other than those medically prescribed, properly used and in the original container, by students, faculty, staff or visitors on college property or while on college business is prohibited.

The College's policy regarding use of alcohol is consistent with local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The alcohol use policy focuses on the responsible use of alcohol at all Options for Animals events.

Concealed Weapons Policy

Firearms, concealed weapons and/or explosives are not allowed at any time on property owned by the College

Faculty

Above all else, Options for Animals cares about the health and comfort of animals. Each faculty member still runs his own animal chiropractic practice, ensuring that students can get the knowledge they need from teachers that are truly passionate about their work Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic and all of its courses are approved by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. The faculty is unique in that all of our instructors are certified by one or both of these agencies."

Dr. Heidi Bockhold

Licensed Chiropractor Advanced Certified in Animal Chiropractic
Over 15 Years Experience in Animal Chiropractic Care
Over 14 Years Experience in Teaching Human and Animal Chiropractic

Dr. Heidi Bockhold is a licensed Chiropractor living in the Atlanta Area of Georgia, where she raises, trains and shows Australian Cattle Dogs, and breeds, trains and shows Paint Horses. Dr. Bockhold was born and raised in south Florida, where her family bred and trained racing thoroughbreds and show American Quarter Horses. As a teenager, Heidi also bred, trained and showed Shetland Sheep Dogs, was active in 4-H, as well as participated in many sports including soccer, racquetball and power lifting.

Dr. Bockhold attended Regents College in New York where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in June, 1992. She received her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Life University in Marietta, Georgia, in June, 1994.

After graduating from Life University, Dr. Bockhold opened a private chiropractic practice in Florida. In 1994, she returned to Life University and for the next seven years she was a clinical supervisor in the research department and technique instructor there. During her time at Life U., Dr. Bockhold was nominated three times for the "Who's Who of College Professors". Throughout this time, Dr. Bockhold maintained her practice in Florida.

With her vast experience with animals, throughout her chiropractic career Dr. Bockhold also treated animals. In March 2000, she was certified in animal chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA). Since that time, she has completed the advanced course in animal chiropractic offered at Options for Animals.

In addition to treating animal patients, in 2000 Dr. Bockhold became an International Instructor for Options for Animals. She now co-owns Options for Animals and the Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic. In 2003, Dr. Bockhold also co-founded the International College of Animal Chiropractors.

Today Dr. Bockhold's Animal Chiropractic Services provide Animal Chiropractic Care to both large and small animals. She lectures internationally to lay and professional audiences on a wide variety of topics such as Animal Chiropractic, Integrative Animal Health Care and Equine and Canine management.

Other Faculty

In addition, the College uses other AVCA and/or IVCA certified doctors to assist in teaching specialized topics and laboratories. This insures a low instructor to student ratio in all laboratory instruction. Following is a list of some of those assistants.

Angie Nielsen DVM

Kathy Klix DC

Nikki Zeller DVM

Maggie Loomer DVM

Susan Roecker DC

Caitlin Newport DC

Jennifer Beeson DC

Lisa Busko DVM

Travis Gratton DVM

Nicole Hjelle DVM

Sara Jerman DC

Matt Fehr DVM

Jennifer Akers DVM

Kelly Walsh DVM

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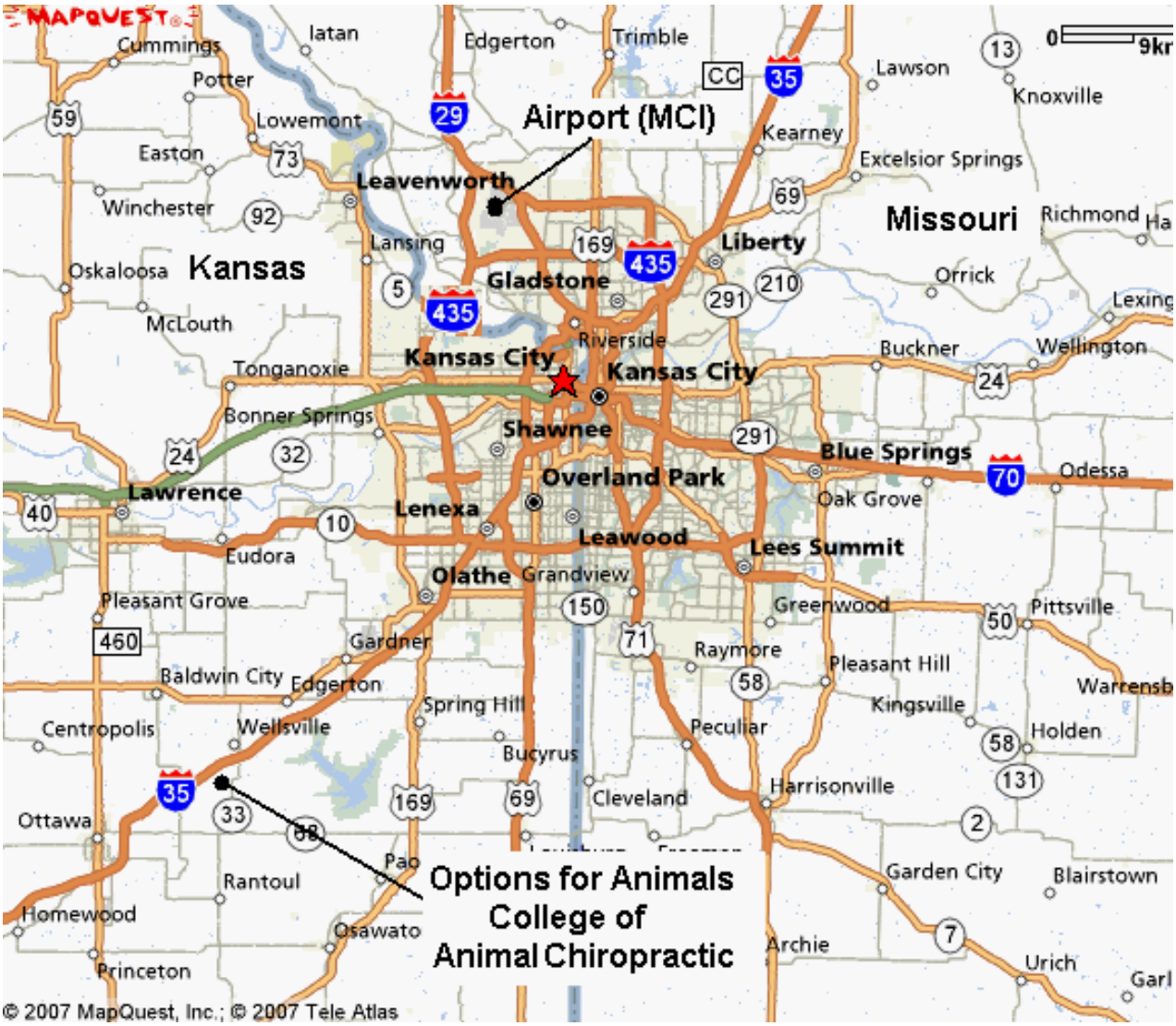

The Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Kansas City, Missouri. Our address is 4267 Virginia Road, Wellsville, KS, 66092

Travel

Airport

The closest airport is the Kansas City International Airport in Kansas City, Missouri (about 60 miles from Wellsville). Airport Code is MCI, NOT KCI. Car Rental - There are several major car rentals located at the airport. Shuttle Service is provided to these rental agencies.

Driving Directions to the Main Campus; 4267 Virginia Rd, Wellsville, Kansas, 66092.

From the Airport (MCI Kansas City International) on Airport Exit Drive:

Merge onto I-29 N/ US-71 N via the ramp on the LEFT.

Merge onto I-435 S via EXIT 17 toward TOPEKA (Crossing into KANSAS). 31.5 mi Merge onto

I-35 S/ US-50 W via EXIT 83 toward WICHITA. 24.6 mi

Take the KS-33 exit, EXIT 198, toward WELLSVILLE. 0.3 mi

Turn LEFT onto KS-33. 0.7 mi

Turn RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi Turn

LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2 mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

From the East (St. Louis or Columbia, Missouri) on I-70 West toward Kansas City:

Merge onto I-435 S via EXIT 8A toward WICHITA (Crossing into KANSAS). 20.5 mi Merge onto

I-35 S/ US-50 W via EXIT 83 toward WICHITA. 24.9 mi

Take the KS-33 exit, EXIT 198, toward WELLSVILLE. 0.3 mi

Turn LEFT onto KS-33. 0.7 mi

Turn RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2 mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

From the West (Denver, Colorado or Topeka, Kansas) on I-70 East toward Kansas City:

Take the KS-10 exit, EXIT 197, toward LECOMPTON/ LAWRENCE. 0.4 mi

Turn RIGHT onto KS-10. 8.0 mi

Take the KS-10/ US-59 ramp toward LAWRENCE/ OTTAWA. 0.3 mi

Turn RIGHT onto E 1300 RD/ US-59 S. Continue to follow US-59 S. 9.6 mi Turn

LEFT onto N 300TH RD/ US-56. Continue to follow US-56. 10.8 mi Turn

RIGHT onto E 2300TH RD/ KS-33. Continue to follow KS-33. 5.1 mi Turn

RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2 mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

From the North (St. Joseph, Missouri) on I-29 South toward Kansas City:

Merge onto I-435 S via EXIT 17 toward TOPEKA (Crossing into KANSAS). 31.5 mi

Merge onto I-35 S/ US-50 W via EXIT 83 toward WICHITA. 24.6 mi

Take the KS-33 exit, EXIT 198, toward WELLSVILLE. 0.3 mi

Turn LEFT onto KS-33. 0.7 mi

Turn RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2 mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

From the North (Des Moines, Iowa) on I-35 South toward Kansas City:

Keep LEFT to take US-71 S via EXIT 3 toward I-70 E. 0.6 mi

Take the I-670/ US-71 S exit, EXIT 2L, toward I-35 S/ WICHITA. 0.1 mi

Merge onto I-670 W/ I-70 ALT W via EXIT 2M toward I-35 S/ WICHITA. 0.9 mi Merge onto I-35 S via EXIT 2T toward WICHITA (Crossing into KANSAS). 39.5 mi Take the KS-33 exit, EXIT 198, toward WELLSVILLE. 0.3 mi

Turn LEFT onto KS-33. 0.7 mi

Turn RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi Turn LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2.mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

From the South (Dallas, Texas or Oklahoma City, OK) on I-35 North toward Kansas City: (Portions of I-35 may be Toll)

Take the KS-33 exit, EXIT 198, toward WELLSVILLE. 0.3 mi

Turn RIGHT onto KS-33. 0.6 mi

Turn RIGHT onto SHAWNEE RD. 0.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto VIRGINIA RD. 0.2 mi

End at 4267 Virginia Rd Wellsville, KS 66092-8860

Lodging

A variety of hotels are available within 15 to 30 minutes driving time from the main campus. These hotels have a wide variety of amenities and costs. Following is a short list of some of the hotels that are frequented by our students. These are listed by location. Mention Options for Animals while making reservations for possible rate discount on rooms.

OLATHE, KANSAS – 17 MILES NORTH OF WELLSVILLE ON I-35

HOLIDAY INN **(913) 829-4000**
101 West 151st Street (913) 829-8165
http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/pc/1/en/hotel/mkcol?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/pc/1/en/hotelsearchresults

La Quinta Inn & Suites; Olathe **Phone: (913) 254-0111**
20570 W 151st Street Fax: (913) 254-0777
Olathe, KS 66061

http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ6199&propId=6199&savedSearchQuery=%2Flq%2FproxySearchRes.do%3FsearchCity%3DOlathe%26searchState%3DKS%26searchRadius%3D30%26indate%3D04%252F23%252F2009%26availability.palsra_IND_D%3D23%26availability.palsra_IND_M%3D04%26availability.palsra_IND_Y%3D2009%26outdate%3D04%252F24%252F2009%26availability.palsra_OTD_D%3D24%26availability.palsra_OTD_M%3D04%26availability.palsra_OTD_Y%3D2009%26availability.palsra_RPC1%3D%26availability.palsra_CCN1%3D%26availability.palsra_NRM%3D1%26mapProvider%3DMapQuest%26searchType%3DGEO%26promocorp%3D

GARDNER, KANSAS – 12 MILES NORTH OF WELLSVILLE ON I-35

SUPER 8 **(913) 856-8887**
2001 East Santa Fe Fax (913) 856-8645

http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/check_avail?brandCode=SE,MQ,DI,HJ,KG,RA,TL,BU&searchWithinMiles=25&areaType=1&destination=Gardner&stateName=Kansas&state=KS&countryName=United%20States&country=US&checkInDate=04/01&numberAdults=1&numberRooms=1&checkOutDate=04/02&numberChildren=0&rateName=Best%20Avail&rate=000&variant=&id=02778&propBrandId=SE&force_nostay=false

OTTAWA, KANSAS – 13 MILES SOUTH OF WELLSVILLE ON I-35

BEST WESTERN **(785) 242-2224**
606 E 23rd St Fax (785) 242 2221

http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do

SUPER 8 **(785) 242-5551**
2315 South Oak Fax (785) 242-4202

http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/check_avail?brandCode=SE,MQ,DI,HJ,KG,RA,TL,BU&searchWithinMiles=25&areaType=1&destination=Ottawa&stateName=Kansas&state=KS&countryName=United%20States&country=US&checkInDate=04/01&numberAdults=1&numberRooms=1&checkOutDate=04/02&numberChildren=0&rateName=Best%20Avail&rate=000&variant=&id=11900&propBrandId=SE&force_nostay=tru e

DAYS INN **(785) 242-4842**
1641 S Main Street Fax (785) 242-7325

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/ottawa-kansas?brand_id=DI

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