

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

ANIMAL TRAINING & ENRICHMENT



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A more personal education

MEANINGFUL



WHAT

IS ANIMAL TRAINING
& ENRICHMENT?

Animal training and enrichment are indispensable components of animal care. Together these tools allow us to develop a more comprehensive approach to behavioral management. Animal trainers use operant conditioning to modify an animal's behavior, increasing the frequency of preferred behaviors and eliminating those that are undesirable. Trainers may work with cats, dogs, horses or other domestic animals. Alternatively, trainers can work with wild animals such as tigers or dolphins. Animal training can greatly improve animal welfare by facilitating the voluntary cooperation of animals in a wide variety of procedures, such as grooming, veterinary care, and physical exams.

Animal behavior can be positively impacted by enrichment as well as training. Behavioral enrichment, also known as environmental enrichment, is the practice of providing animals with environments that promote good psychological and emotional health. Enrichment might include new opportunities for feeding, foraging, or interacting with others. Effective enrichment creates new outlets for behavior and reduces the likelihood that inappropriate behaviors will develop. Enrichment enhances the quality of life by reducing stress and encouraging a wider range of healthy, species-typical behaviors.

Are you ready to get started in animal training? The Animal Behavior Institute is the only institution to offer accredited, online programs in Animal Training & Enrichment. Our specialized training will give you the skills you need to effectively train animals and embark on a new career.

PERSONAL



WHO

WORKS IN ANIMAL
TRAINING &
ENRICHMENT?

Who hires animal trainers and behaviorists? They may be self-employed as trainers or behavioral consultants. Behaviorists may also work for veterinarians, in zoos and aquaria, the entertainment industry, animal shelters, stables, kennels and the retail pet trade.

Examples include:

- Dog trainer
- Wildlife educator
- Horse trainer
- Behavioral manager
- Bird trainer
- Research biologist
- Zoo keeper
- Laboratory technician
- Marine mammal trainer
- Enrichment coordinator
- Exotic animal trainer
- Veterinarian
- Elephant keeper
- Veterinary technician

The outlook for professionals in animal care and service, including animal trainers, is very positive. Employment in these areas is expected to grow 15 percent over the next decade, faster than the average for all occupations*. Salaries vary greatly based on the specific field or employer. For example, independent animal trainers may work for \$20-50/hour or more. Animal care staff working in other fields may earn considerably less. Competition for some positions, such as those in the zoo and entertainment industries, will remain strong. Our program in Animal Training & Enrichment will give you the competitive edge you need to succeed.

Please note that students that want to work with dogs or cats may be interested in our programs in Canine or Feline Training & Behavior. Please contact us for brochures or additional information on these programs.

*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook.



FLEXIBLE

WHEN

CAN I START?

Now! Getting started is easy - you can apply online in minutes. Your academic advisor can help you plan your courses. Your certificate in Animal Training & Enrichment requires the completion of five online courses and 40 hours of relevant field experience. Most students finish their certificate in 6-12 months.

Academic Curriculum

All trainers need a detailed knowledge of animal behavior, but they also need a deep toolbox of techniques that can be used to modify behaviors. Our coursework is designed to provide you with a rigorous education in training and behavioral management, including animal behavior, training, enrichment, cognition and emotions. In addition, you'll choose an elective based on the species or subject matter of your choice.

The four required courses for this certificate program are:

ABI 126 Animal Minds & Emotions

ABI 222 Animal Enrichment

ABI 233 Animal Training**

ABI 331 Animal Behavior

**Must have access to an animal.

You will also select one elective from the following:

ABI 232 The Human-Animal Bond

ABI 238 Training Your Therapy Dog*

ABI 251 Behavior & Training of Marine Mammals

ABI 271 Canine Behavior & Enrichment*

ABI 272 Feline Behavior & Enrichment

ABI 281 Avian Training

*Must have access to an dog.

Field Requirement

We believe that academic training must be accompanied by real world experience to be truly effective.

During your time as a student, you will complete a field requirement consisting of 40 hours of hands-on experience as an employee, intern or volunteer at an approved institution of your choice. One of the strengths of our program is that students are able to choose where they would like to complete their fieldwork; the facility is not assigned.



EXCEPTIONAL

WHY

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
INSTITUTE?

Widespread Recognition & Acceptance

You can be confident about pursuing your education with the Animal Behavior Institute. Our quality programs enjoy widespread acceptance at other institutions. We are licensed by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges* and accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). As a result of this Accredited Provider status, the Animal Behavior Institute is able to offer IACET CEU credits. These credits are accepted by hundreds of professional associations, including those in the fields of therapy, counseling and health care. Credit from our courses can also be applied to meet the continuing education requirements of many educational institutions, including public and private schools.

In addition, individual courses are accepted directly for CEU credit by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Please see our website at www.animaledu.com for a complete listing of our educational partners.

Upon graduation, students may begin using the designation CATEP, Certified Animal Training and Enrichment Professional.

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Personal Support

We'll provide you with close personal support from the day you begin until well after you've finished your program. When you enroll at the Animal Behavior Institute, your academic advisor will help you plan your individual program and answer any questions that arise along the way. Students have the freedom to choose how many classes to take each semester, when to take them and how to pay for them. And our flexible financing makes any program affordable. Students can choose to finance a single course or their entire program – it's up to you.

As an alumnus, you'll have access to the same resources you've come to enjoy as a student. This includes access to job and internship listings, advising and assistance with resumes and cover letters. We're with you before and after you graduate.

Our Approach

All courses at the Animal Behavior Institute share a common core, building a strong foundation and then applying that core to problem solving. The highlight of each week is a student-centered discussion; students work collectively to solve real world problems and case studies. Our approach helps build a strong rapport between each individual, their student colleagues, and the faculty. Small class sizes ensure that you'll know your instructors and receive the personal education you deserve.



PROFESSIONAL

WHAT

IS UNIQUE ABOUT OUR FACULTY?

An academic institution is only as strong as their faculty and ours are outstanding. Our faculty are selected on the basis of their education, experience, and passion for teaching. We'd like to introduce you to two of the instructors in our Animal Training & Enrichment program.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



DR. NICOLE DOREY

Professor of Animal Behavior

Dr. Dorey is a faculty member at the University of Florida, where she teaches courses in psychology and animal behavior. In addition to her teaching, Nicole is the co-founder and director of the Animal Behavior and Welfare Laboratory which has published numerous scientific papers on species ranging from dogs to Galapagos tortoises. Her current research focuses on the use of behavioral choices to increase animal welfare. In addition to being a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB), Nicole has served as a board member of the Animal Behavior Management Alliance (ABMA), consulted on animal research and training at a variety of zoos, and has been an invited speaker at a number of national and international conferences.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



PROFESSOR ANDREA BOGLE

Professor of Animal Behavior

Professor Bogle began her animal training career over 12 years ago. Since then she has worked with a wide variety of domestic and exotic species at zoos around the world. Her experience includes training animals for television and movie productions, research training with wolves and dogs, training dolphins for animal assisted therapy, and working with private clients to resolve behavioral problems. She is currently a senior trainer at the Texas State Aquarium.

Professor Bogle teaches several courses in the fields of animal training and behavior at the Animal Behavior Institute.

Visit us at www.animaledu.com for a complete list of instructors and their qualifications.

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