Dreamcatcher Certification Internship Level 1
Exploring Animal-Assisted Interventions

Date of Level 1 Internship July 18th - 22, 2016

Dreamcatcher Nature-Assisted Therapy Ltd. is offering the only CERTIFICATION in ANIMAL ASSISTED INTERVENTIONS in English-speaking Canada at the Dreamcatcher facility in Ardrossan (outside of Edmonton), Alberta, Canada. This certification process focuses on MANY SPECIES OF ANIMALS and is equivalent to the certification that will eventually be granted at the university level in Alberta for both Master’s level and Undergraduate helping professionals. All certification pieces offered at Dreamcatcher are designed and implemented by Eileen Bona of Dreamcatcher, designer and implementer of the first College course in AAT in Western Canada.

What is required for Certification?

Please see the attached document for more information.

On-site accommodations are available if necessary and booked in advance.

The Internship Training advertised herein is one of the first steps in the Certification process.

THIS TRAINING IS RECOGNIZED AND APPROVED NATIONALLY BY THE Canadian Counselling nd Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) and participants will receive 36 Continuing Education Credits (CEC’s) for their attendance.
Exploring Animal Assisted Interventions Internship at Dreamcatcher

What does it involve?

1. Practical application of the distance education information provided in the courses in Animal Assisted Interventions.
2. Taking part in activities and exercises with animals designed to help people with a variety of life issues. These activities will address the learning needs of each certifying professional.
3. Hands-on application of animal assisted interventions to provide a complete understanding of the processes involved in this therapeutic medium.
4. An understanding of how to effectively help people of all ages who are experiencing mental health diagnoses, difficult life issues and/or hard-to-manage behavior, and who may be hard to engage while interacting with animals in a natural setting.
5. An understanding of the impact of equine facilitated methods and 8 other species of animals in animal-assisted practices.
6. An understanding of how animals in the helping professions can help people understand themselves, problem solve effectively, learn healthy communication skills and set and reach their goals.

7. A new perspective on how you affect and deal with your world.
8. An understanding of how animals and nature can help to treat youth at risk, autism (PDD), depression, schizophrenia, fetal alcohol disorders (FAS / FAE), addictions, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), brain injury, past sexual abuse or exploitation issues, low self-esteem and confidence issues, attention deficit disorders (ADD / ADHD), Tourette’s syndrome, socially inappropriate behaviors, oppositional defiance disorder (ODD), verbal and physical aggression, complex mental health issues and much more.
9. Learn the value of functional assessments through observations of people with animals.
10. Understand how individual program plans can be designed with animal interactions to meet participants’ needs.
11. Realize the importance of boundaries in life and become skilled in setting and maintaining them safely and humanely.
12. Appreciate the dramatic effects of non-verbal language and the importance of reading and understanding those of the animals we are working with as well as those of the people we are helping.
13. Understand your scope of practice and develop a concise plan for your next steps in development.
14. Thoroughly explore the ethics of working with animals in professional practice.
This intensive internship is intended for mental-health professionals, teachers, front-line staff, child and youth care counsellors and anyone wishing to advance their knowledge, skills and practices in an animal-assisted venue as well as those wishing to certify in Animal Assisted Interventions.

This training does not qualify anyone to be a “therapist.” Proper professional qualifications are necessary for anyone to practice any kind of “therapy.”

**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday

**Pre-requisite:** Introduction and Exploration in Animal Assisted Therapy distance course – this may be negotiated through contact with Dreamcatcher.

**Cost:** Introduction and Exploration in Animal Assisted Therapy distance course = $500
One week Internship = $1500
Meals not included

Phone: 780-809-1047 ext 2 or Fax: 780-809-1046 or Email eileen@dreamcatcherassociation.com for more information. The internship takes place at the Dreamcatcher facility which is located in Ardrossan, 10 minutes East of Sherwood Park, 30 minutes East of Edmonton.

Morning coffee and snacks will be provided daily.

Most trainings will take place outdoors – please bring appropriate clothing.

**Who Are We?**

Eileen Bona M.Ed. is a Registered Psychologist and Behavior Management Specialist and the founder of Dreamcatcher Nature-Assisted Therapy Association and Dreamcatcher Ltd. She has been working with people in need for more than 25 years and has been working in her private practice located on a ranch with animals to help people successfully become more functional for the past 13 years. Eileen is a past Sessional Instructor of Introductory Psychology at King’s University College and the designer and past instructor of the Animal Assisted Therapy course at Lakeland College. Eileen was instrumental in helping with the curriculum design of the AAT courses being designed for Alberta Education - AAT along with Nature Assisted Therapy and Horticulture Therapy which were intended to be incorporated into the Alberta high school curriculums as of September 2009. Eileen has designed courses for an online Certificate in Animal Assisted Therapy which is being offered to helping professionals.

As a clinical therapist, Eileen has provided AAT services to hundreds of families in the past 13 years. She believes in a collaborative approach and involves parents, teachers and other professionals in designing and implementing program plans. All Dreamcatcher animals are rescued and donated and have special needs and abilities. Dreamcatcher serves 80 clients per week and has 5 qualified animal assisted therapists on staff.

Please complete the attached registration form.
CERTIFICATION REGISTRATION

Company: ________________________________________________________

Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________________________________________

Phone: (Home):______________________(Work): _______________________Fax:__________________

Names of other individuals attending from your agency (if applicable):
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Date of Internship week __ July 18 -22, 2016

Amount submitted:

____$500 for Introductory Course   ____$1500 for Internship

Total = ______

Please note that we require fourteen days cancellation notice. If notice is given on or before two weeks before your scheduled course or internship, your money will be refunded in full. If notice of cancellation is given on or after the two-week prior deadline, refund of your money will be dependent upon Dreamcatcher’s ability to fill your reserved spot.

Date: ______________________Signature: ____________________________

If not provided previously, please provide:

• a copy of your current resume or CV
• proof of your education and credentialing in your field
• membership in your regulatory or professional association
• cheque or money order to:

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Alternatively: We accept Visa, Mastercard and E-transfer