

CATUPUNCTURE™

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION



As a graduate who is now in a feline only practice, I can say this course has been incredible! It would help any medical acupuncturist not only in dealing with cats, but many species. My myofascial exam has become much better, and I'm more confident about my points on my kitty patients. Thank you CuraCore for another great course!

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45 CE Hours

CATUPUNCTURE™ ***IS* THE ADVANTAGE**

BECOME YOUR FELINE PATIENTS' FAVORITE VETERINARIAN.

What's better than having lots of cats in your practice? Having cats that enjoy seeing you.

This course will teach you how to incorporate, specifically for cats, medical acupuncture, photomedicine, medical massage, integrative rehabilitation methods, and selective botanicals. We emphasize safety, effectiveness, and feline receptivity to care; this allows you to tailor approaches and create the optimal experience for feline patients and clients.

Goals

- Learn how to incorporate, specifically for cats, medical acupuncture, photomedicine, medical massage, simple rehabilitation techniques, and selective botanicals.
- Emphasize safety and science as you tailor approaches to each patient and your client's preferences.

Objectives

- Expand your knowledge of and confidence locating acupuncture points in cats by receiving feedback about point placement in a feline animal model, "MAVi" and a live cat in your home or clinic.
- Learn Dr. Narda Robinson's trademark "MAIN" approach for building integrative physical medicine protocols that you can apply to all the species in your practice.
- Design and describe electroacupuncture and photomedicine treatments on MAVi, upload videos for review.
- Record and upload the assessment and treatment of a feline patient (i.e., not one of yours) in order to receive input and further guidance by Dr. Narda Robinson.
- Perform medical massage techniques on a cat of your own or one from your practice; upload videos and receive feedback.
- Critique botanical approaches recommended for cats in order to guide clients from an informed standpoint.
- Acquire familiarity with simple, home or practice-based exercise plans that assist feline patients in recovering healthful movement and strength after surgery or injury.

Required Resources

- CuraCore VET provides: MAVi Cat, push pins, feline mini manual
- Student needs: Camera (smart device, webcam, separate videocam, or other suitable device with high resolution) and inexpensive tripod or assistant for video uploads.

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The course includes the following topics:

- Feline acupuncture point anatomy and student-based video uploads of point placements on the CuraCore Feline Acupuncture Model, "MAVi."
- Medical acupuncture and related techniques for cats with challenging problems.
- Feline-specific photomedicine approaches and recommendations for home care.
- Medical massage techniques that improve digestion, lessen pain, and cats let you do.
- Rehabilitation tips and tricks designed to invite feline participation.
- Facts and fallacies about botanical approaches for cats.

Course Details

Catupuncture™ Advanced Certification Program. This course educates veterinarians on the consideration and implementation of science-based integrative medicine for feline patients. It covers five disciplines: medical acupuncture, photomedicine, medical massage, rehabilitation, and botanical medicine.

For **medical acupuncture**, students review specifically selected acupuncture points, location, and innervation. They then practice locating them on an animal model ("MAVi"), designating their placement with color-coded pushpins. Through a series of video-based assessments, participants receive feedback on their point-location skills and treatment protocols involving manual acupuncture (dry needling) and/or electroacupuncture based on Dr. Robinson's trademark methodology, "Medical Acupuncture and Integrative Neuromodulation®" (MAIN), reviewed in the course.

For **photomedicine**, participants learn / review photomedicine physiology and consider treatment parameters based on safety and science and delivered in accordance with the MAIN approach.

The section on **medical massage** includes techniques informed by osteopathic principles and practice and adapted to each patient's needs and temperament.

In the **integrative rehabilitation** section, students learn simple techniques that assist in recuperation and functional restoration.

Considering the problems and pitfalls of **botanical medicine** for cats, participants will critically assess the pros and cons of herbal medicine, focusing specifically on evidence of science and safety, or lack thereof.

Prerequisites

Enrollees must have graduated or be currently enrolled in Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians in order to qualify.

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Dr. Robinson is a leading authority on scientific integrative medicine from a One Health perspective, with over two decades of practicing, teaching, and writing about integrative medical approaches in both veterinary and human osteopathic medicine.



In 1998, Dr. Robinson launched Colorado State University's first integrative medicine service and for eight years directed CSU's Center for Comparative and Integrative Pain Medicine. Dr. Robinson has taught a variety of popular, scientifically based continuing education courses, ranging from medical acupuncture and massage to botanicals and photomedicine.

Dr. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree from Harvard/Radcliffe, a doctorate in osteopathic medicine (DO) from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a doctorate in veterinary medicine (DVM) and master's degree in biomedical sciences (MS) from the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is a fellow within the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA). She also serves on the American Board of Medical Acupuncture, the board-certifying organization for physician medical acupuncturists, and the AAMA Board of Directors.

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