

Certification Program in Canine Rehabilitation

The University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee's Certificate Program in Canine Rehabilitation is a sequence of postgraduate courses for veterinarians, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and veterinary technicians or students of these professions, followed by a supervised clinical experience and a cumulative examination. The courses are designed to guide the practitioner through the theoretical foundations to the clinical applications of canine rehabilitation. This program begins with separate curricula for veterinary and physical therapy professionals and ends with these professions joining together for their final courses to best meet the needs of the participants.

Following are a list of courses we offer in this program;

Canine I: Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation

Canine II PT: Gross and Applied Anatomy and Therapeutic Exercise Prescription

Canine III PT: Medical and Surgical Management of Orthopedic and Neurological Conditions and Physical and Electrotherapeutic Modalities

Canine II Vet: Physical and Electrotherapeutic Modalities

Canine III Vet: Therapeutic Exercise Prescription and Aquatic Therapy

Canine IV: Putting it All Together: Designing and Implementing a Rehabilitation Program

Canine V: Elective Course (required to complete one of the following of your choice)

- 1) From Head to Tail - The Canine Athlete

- 2) From Head to Tail - Treatment for Common Canine Conditions

- 3) The Stifle

- 4) Joint Mobilization and Low Level Laser

- 5) Pain Control & Physical Rehabilitation: Comprehensive Review and Practical Strategies

Canine VI: Clinical Practicum

Canine VII: Written and Practical Exam



Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are required to complete Canine I, Canine II PT, Canine III PT, Canine IV, Canine V, Canine VI, and Canine VII. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians are required to complete Canine II Vet, Canine III Vet, Canine IV, Canine V, Canine VI, and Canine VII. Veterinary technicians are also required to complete Canine I. Veterinarians are exempt from having to take Canine I but can attend if they so choose. With any profession you may complete courses Canine I and Canine V in any order as they are considered "stand alone" classes. Courses Canine II, III, and IV all need to be taken in order.

Upon successful completion of all required courses to include a passing grade on the final exam, each participant receives the designation of Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner

Additionally, we offer an option to take courses Canine I through Canine V, which we call the “Fast Track”, at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville every July with a shortened version every March. The “Fast Track” courses provide an ideal setting for intense learning.



The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine has a brand new state of the art facility. The 32,000 square foot addition has an area dedicated to canine rehabilitation. Supported by research-based evidence, we offer a significant amount of hands-on and practical experience. Our graduates can feel confident that they are receiving the latest in research to apply to their rehabilitation patients. Unlike other programs all of our instructors are board certified in their respective fields and offer a combined 60 years of experience.

Many of our CCRP graduates return to take alternate or new Canine V (elective) courses to enrich their canine rehabilitation skills. Potential program participants, pet owners, and facilities looking for information on the program or employment contact us on a daily basis.

Visit us @ www.utcaninerehab.com or contact our office at 1-800-272-2044 for further assistance.

Our graduates are strengthening the growth of this young field by sharing their knowledge of canine physical rehabilitation with other veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, colleagues, and animal owners. One of our gradu-

ates, Elizabeth Barrett, RVT, CCRP, CCMT and Manager of Caring Canine Rehabilitation Center, created a chat group for CCRP graduates to chat and post questions, case studies, success stories, and employment opportunities.

“I found the modules of the program well thought through, and executed with emphasis on detailed and substantiated material. The instructors are masters in their respective fields, and yet while professional in their delivery they are also approachable. I found the canine rehabilitation program was a life altering experience for me. I look forward to going to work each day, and anticipate even greater things for the future of canine physical rehabilitation – none of which would have been possible without this program. ” - Elizabeth Barrett, RVT, CCRP, CCMT



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