



Veterinary Rehabilitation Academic Education Goes Global

The Veterinary Academy of Higher Learning (VAHL) has become the exclusive global marketing and education partner for the Certified Canine Rehabilitation Program (CCRP), the Certified Equine Rehabilitation Program (CERP) and the Certified Canine Fitness Trainer (CCFT) as well as all other vet rehab programs developed by internationally recognized academic experts and practitioners of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

VAHL has successfully grown and established the international market for the University of Tennessee veterinary rehabilitation courses over the past 17 years, starting with the introduction of the CCRP in Europe in 2005. The new partnership, which went into effect July 1, 2022, expands to include the United States and Canadian market in addition to Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia/NZ, Middle and South America, making it a worldwide approach.

“Together, our high standard of continuing education courses taught by internationally leading experts, who not only do the research and publishing but also actively work in this field, will allow our students to become the most sought-after rehabilitation specialists in the world,” said Dr. Beate Egner, VAHL chief executive officer.

“Being a veterinarian myself, it is my utmost desire to best serve and help the veterinary community by combining state-of-the-art science with modern teaching methods, interactive tutorial books, and ongoing coaching support,” Egner added.

The CCRP and CERP offer a series of postgraduate courses in canine and equine rehabilitation for veterinarians, physical therapists, and veterinary technicians. Participants are required to participate in a supervised clinical experience and take a cumulative examination. The courses guide the practitioner from the theoretical foundations through the clinical applications of rehabilitation.

With the new agreement, the University of Tennessee’s recognition will continue to increase globally and benefit from the global academic and business network that VAHL has developed over the years. VAHL further achieved accreditation of the CCRP as a university study in different countries, making this university-based course recognized as an academic education.

UT and VAHL will update and further improve the blended learning courses to remain the global standard of highest education in veterinary physical medicine, rehabilitation, and sports medicine, Egner said.

“We are excited to launch this new endeavor with VAHL. Combining both the U.S. and international courses will enable us to deliver equine rehabilitation information in a more timely and thorough method with the same curriculum worldwide. We look forward to instructing individuals across the globe and make them part of a strong community,” said Dr. Steve Adair, DVM, DACVS, DACVSMR, CERP, Head of Equine Surgery, Director of the Equine Performance and Rehabilitation Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with the Veterinary Academy of Higher Learning (VAHL) to deliver the Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner and the Certified Canine Fitness Trainer programs globally,” said Dr. Darryl Millis, CCRP, DACVS, DACVSMR, Acree Endowed Chair in Veterinary Medicine, and Director of the Canine Arthritis, Rehabilitation, Exercise, and Sports Medicine Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. “This partnership over the past 17 years has proven excellence in delivering our programs outside of the USA, and now it will allow a seamless delivery of the internationally known programs throughout the world. This new venture will add coaching, webinars, newsletters, new courses, and many other exciting things to make our academic education a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Millis added.

VAHL currently collaborates with over 100 internationally leading experts to produce advanced literature, including *Essential Facts of Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine in Companion Animals*, *Essential Facts of Equine Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine*, and many others.

Furthermore, VAHL’s excellent network includes involvement in various single and multi-center studies, as well as powerful relationships to universities and veterinary associations all over the world.

“The Veterinary Academy of Higher Learning cares for its students and certified specialists, offering them continuous support,” Egner said. “But you are not forgotten after the courses. We will continue to provide support throughout your career.”

The online portions of the CCRP and CERP are undergoing major revisions to incorporate the latest in rehabilitation academic education under the respective leadership of course directors Adair and Millis.

“Not only are the newest scientific findings, state-of-the-art modalities, and rehabilitation of other species being updated, but the courses are being altered to enhance student learning and application of information,” Egner said. “We also offer coaching and continuous support after the formal course has concluded.

VAHL is also investing in the future of veterinary rehabilitation by sponsoring two annual awards that honor and support distinguished researchers and projects.

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