Certificate Program in Animal Assisted Interventions

**Endorsements**

"The field of AAI has been growing over the past few decades. Graduate level coursework for counselors and other mental health professionals is critical to support the training of these individuals in bridging research to best practice. **Idaho State University's triad of courses provides a strong overview of the major tenets facing the field. It is highly recommended for any professionals interested in incorporating AAI in their regime of practice.**"

- Aubrey H. Fine, Professor/Licensed Psychologist, CA Poly State University

"Pet Partners is excited to see a certificate option with a strong focus on therapy animal welfare, particularly with an intensive supervised applied practice component with a registered therapy animal. **Dr. Stewart's work as the primary author for Animal Assisted Therapy Competencies in counseling has done much to articulate the need for knowledge and skills in this burgeoning field. This certificate is a great opportunity for practitioners/counselors to develop those knowledge and skills to bring the power of the human-animal bond to those who may benefit.**"

- Annie Peters, President & CEO of Pet Partners

**Important Details**

- Distance-friendly options for online/webinar participation are available for most courses.
- This is a summer 3 course sequence. Students may choose to take all 3 courses in one summer, or to span the courses over multiple summers.
- Courses are open to enrolled students or practicing professional graduates of any master’s and/or doctoral level counseling or counseling-related program.
- Students are not required to have their own animal to participate in any of the courses.

**Courses for the Certificate**

- Introduction to Animal Assisted Interventions in Counseling (Online only)  
  May 11, 2020 - May 22, 2020
- Best Practices in Animal Assisted Interventions in Counseling (Live Webinar/In-Person)  
  May 26, 2020 - June 5, 2020
- Applied Practice in Animal Assisted Interventions in Counseling (in person only)  
  June 15, 2020 - June 20, 2020

ISU's Department of Counseling is proud to offer a 9-Credit certificate program in Animal Assisted Interventions (AAIs) in counseling. The curriculum of all 3 courses is based on the ACA's Competencies for Providers of Animal Assisted Therapy in Counseling and will prepare students to become safe, ethical, and effective providers of animal assisted interventions in mental health settings.

**About the Instructor**

Dr. Stewart is a nationally recognized scholar and practitioner of animal assisted interventions in counseling. In addition to her work as the primary author of the American Counseling Association's Competencies for Animal Assisted Therapy in Counseling, Dr. Stewart serves as a member of the Pet Partners Human Animal Bond Advisory Board as the Chair of Ethics and Standards for AGA's Human-Animal Interactions in Counseling Interest Network.