

Professional Development in Animal-Assisted Therapy and Education (AAT/E)



MN LINC (*Minnesota Linking Individuals, Nature & Critters*) offers professional development and hands-on training in the application of methods and techniques for incorporating animals in human wellness and development programs. The MN LINC Professional Development Program will help you clarify and focus your vision for participation in the exciting field of animal-assisted therapy and education. This unique program supports you in critically evaluating your present skills as well as identifying areas needing further development and experience.

Delivery of AATE takes study, practice and supervision. Like any other specialty, it takes time and effort to learn the nuances and specific considerations of effective techniques and methods. Animals can be incorporated into your present career with some study and workshop experience or you can create a new career focus with more in-depth work.



Training for 2008 is offered through 4 custom-designed modules.

You work and learn at YOUR pace and in YOUR area of interest.

MN LINC's staff features people with over 30 years of experience in delivering AATE programs on the local, national and international level. Our staff have worked with a variety of animals – from horses to dogs to birds – and in a wide range of settings – schools, mental health facilities, one-on-one, and corporate groups – allowing you to benefit from their broad experience. The MN LINC staff is recognized internationally for delivery of focus and quality in their training programs.



Depending on the type of training you desire, your credentials, and your experience, you will be offered opportunities such as:

- Laying a foundation and developing a language: Animal behavior and handler skills that foster trust and adaptability in therapy animals while promoting respect, clear communication and positive social skills in participants
- Design animal-facilitated interactions that enhance therapeutic/educational impact while improving or supporting appropriate animal behavior
- Presenting animal interactions from a mental health or educational perspective.
- Assess participants' ability to cope with differing levels of challenge
- Evaluate level of challenge involved in a variety of animal facilitated interactions



This training may provide up to 66.5 CEU's!!

**For more information and an application packet,
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We look forward to working with you!

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