

## **PDS 526: Exploration, Principles, and Ethics of Animal Assisted Interventions and Anthrozoology**

*Offered online through the University of Southern Maine, Fall 2019*

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Animal Assisted Activities and Therapies? Do you want to know how to include them in your classroom, which children they may be beneficial for, and learn more about the safety and ethics of incorporating animals into human lives for the benefit of both?

This course will provide an overview of Animal Assisted Interventions (AAI). Topics include history, theories, research, terminology, safety and ethics, and the practice and differentiation between several forms of AAI. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of the human-animal bond as part of AAI for clients and practitioners. This course also focuses on the role of animals in human lives. This course provides the necessary foundation for understanding animal assisted activities and therapies in improving the lives of humans. Students will gain an understanding of the various roles animals play in counseling and education, and the clear legal and ethical boundaries and differentiation between educational and mental health practitioners of AAI.



### **Questions?**

If you would like to know what this course will entail, please feel free to connect with the instructor, Clare Thomas-Pino, at [Clare.Thomas@maine.edu](mailto:Clare.Thomas@maine.edu)

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