



International Diploma Equine Osteopathy

2025-2026



International Diploma in Equine Osteopathy

1125 hrs.

Tuition: US \$6,000

40% off valid until August 30, 2025: \$3,600 USD

Dear Osteopathic Professional,

We appreciate your interest in London College of Animal Osteopathy. As the demand for holistic animal healthcare rises amidst a shortage of qualified practitioners, broadening your osteopathic practice to include animal treatment can be both emotionally fulfilling and financially beneficial.

Four key reasons to pursue a career as an Equine Osteopath

1. **High demand and career stability:** With the increasing recognition of animal osteopathy, there's a steady client base and room for practice growth.
2. **A natural progression:** Osteopathy's holistic approach works well across species. If you're passionate about animals, transitioning from human osteopathy to treating horses is a logical step.
3. **Specialist expertise:** Becoming a qualified equine osteopath places you in a unique and valued position within the community, making you a sought-after therapist with specialised skills.
4. **Meaningful impact:** As an equine osteopath, you have the chance to directly enhance the condition, performance, and overall well-being of these loyal and intelligent animals.

Overview

The program's curriculum offers training in **classical structural osteopathy**, rooted in a holistic healing philosophy. It emphasises the significance of the structure-function relationship to animals' emotional and physical health.

Throughout the course, you will advance your understanding of how the horse's body operates in health and disease, with a special focus on functional anatomy and biomechanics—key areas for any animal osteopath.

Under the mentorship of Professor McGregor, you will develop an **analytical, methodical approach** to osteopathic assessment and treatment, including post-surgical care, preventative strategies and management of lameness.

Awarded qualification

Upon completing the program, you will earn certification as an **Equine Osteopath** and be entitled to use the internationally recognized designation of **Int'l DipEO**.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Created by Stuart McGregor, DO, AO
- ✓ Endorsed by veterinarian community
- ✓ Flexible learning format
- ✓ Individual mentorship and support
- ✓ Easy to use eLearning platform.
- ✓ Lifetime access to future updates
- ✓ 1,600 students across 72 countries



Each image featured in this prospectus showcases actual students and instructors from LCAO.



RACHEL PECHEK

Equine & Canine Osteopath
LCAO's Head Instructor, Preclinical Studies

"I am honored to be part of the LCAO teaching team, and I look forward to seeing you in class!"



Practicing equine osteopathy with an LCAO Diploma.

LCAO certification as an Equine Osteopath (Int'l DipEO) allows you to practice equine osteopathy as an independent osteopathic practitioner or as part of an integrative healthcare team anywhere in the world. Many graduates opt to collaborate with veterinarians and veterinary surgeons, providing post-surgical care and rehabilitation services.

Admission requirements

The program's admission is via the application process. We welcome a diverse range of professionals interested in expanding their practice to include osteopathic care for animals:

- DVM/VMD, animal physiotherapists, and chiropractors;
- Osteopaths and osteopathic manual therapists (OMTs);
- Registered human MSK practitioners, i.e., massage therapists, physiotherapists, osteopathic manual therapists;
- Members of the veterinary community, i.e., vet techs, vet nurses, vet rehab specialists.
- Equine bodywork practitioners with 5+ years of experience;
- Mature students with 7+ years of experience, i.e., trainers, breeders, equestrians, behaviour specialists, equine acupuncturists, nutritionists and TCM practitioners.
- Students and graduates who have completed animal science degree programs.

If your occupation is not included in the categories mentioned above, feel free to contact us at admissions@aosteocollege.com so we can assess your eligibility.

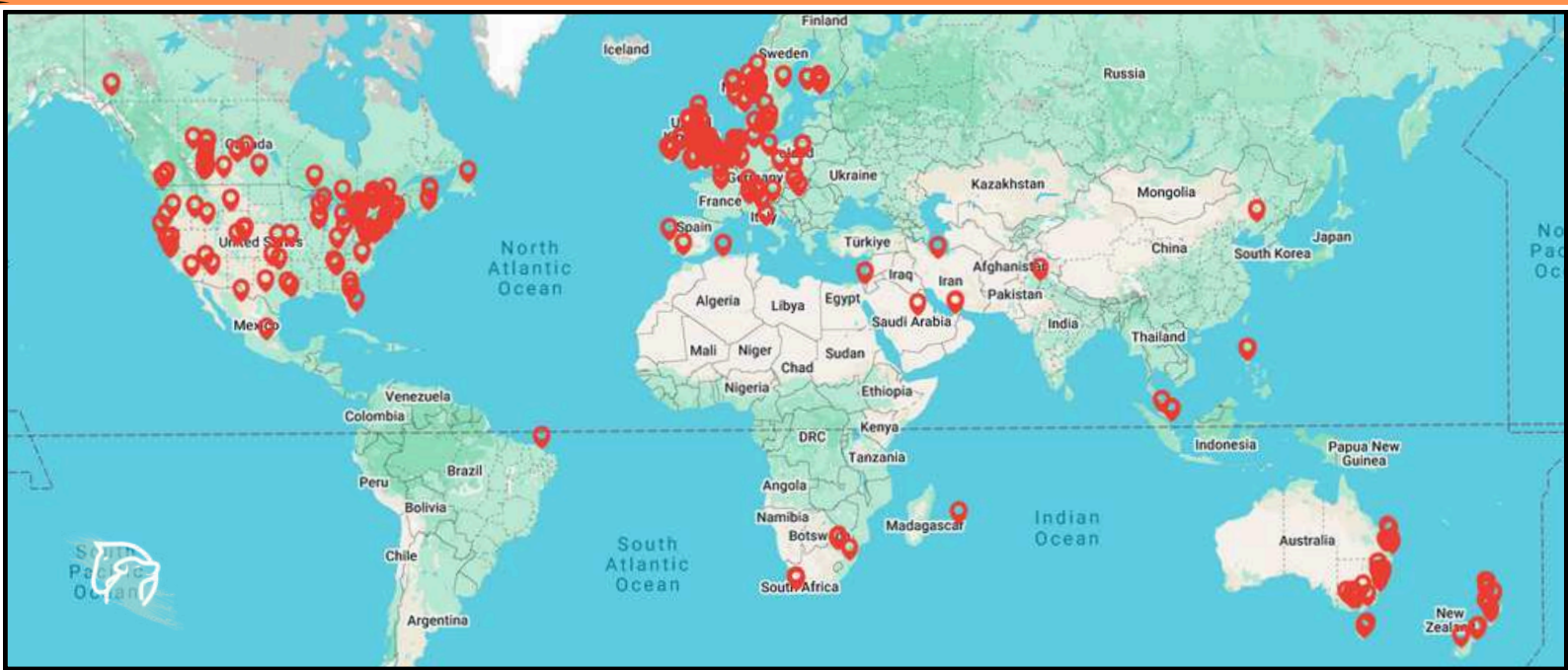
Accreditation

LCAO serves 1,600 students in 72 countries, recognized for its canine and equine osteopathy courses. It is accredited and endorsed by these national and international organizations.

- American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)
- American Association of Equine Therapists & Technicians (AAETT)
- Spanish Veterinary Osteopathy Association
- Equine Therapies Association of Australia (ETAA)
- International Association for Massage and Bodywork/Association of Canine Water Therapy (IAMB/ACWT)
- PATH International
- International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT)
- International Institute for Complementary Therapists (IICT)
- International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA)
- Osteopathy Australia (OA)
- Osteopathic Centre for Animals UK
- UK Rural Skills
- International Society for Equitation Sciences

AOW Membership

As a member of the LCAO community, you are eligible for free membership with Animal Osteopathy Worldwide (AOW) and for a listing in the Global Registry of Animal Osteopaths.



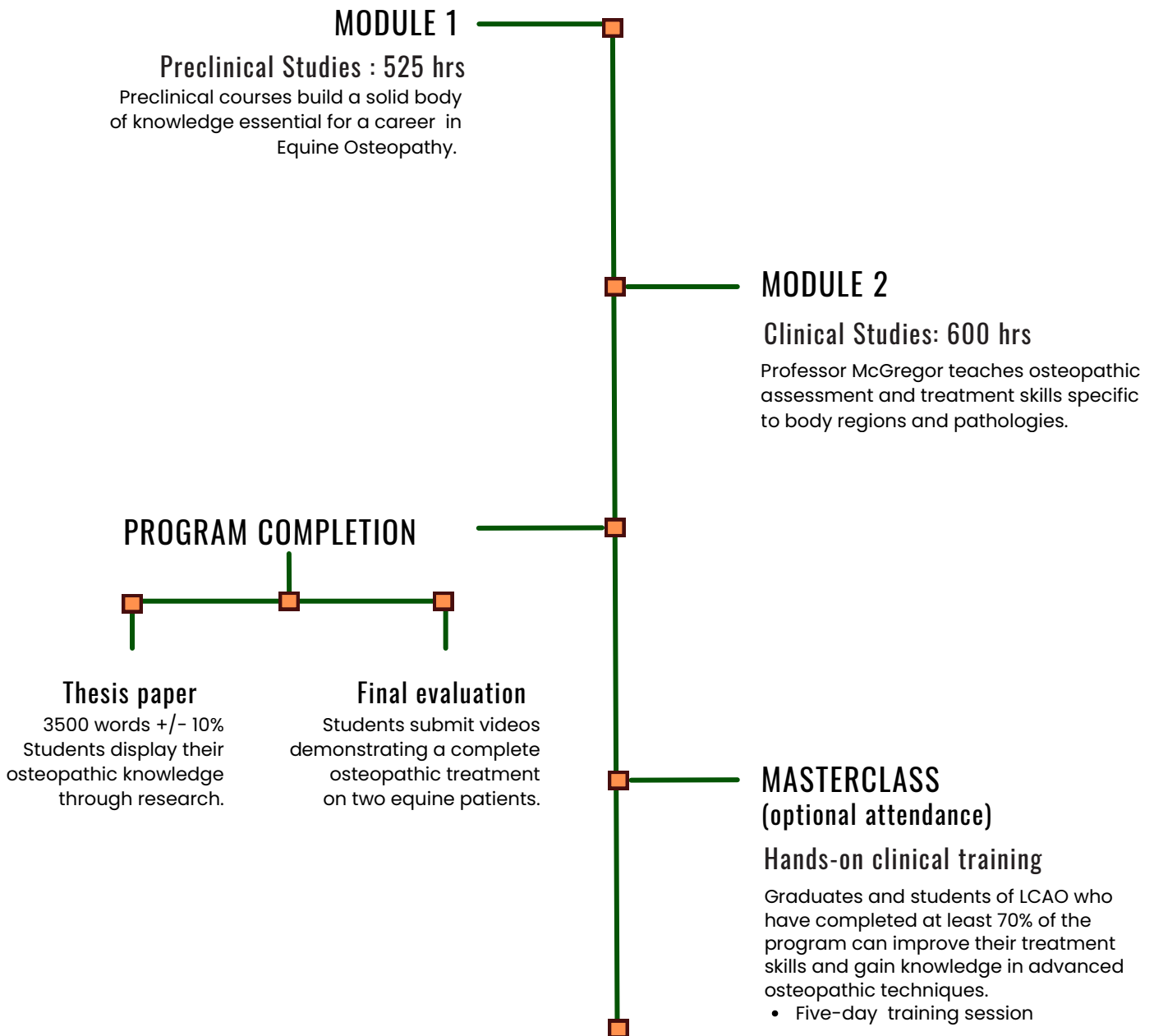


Program Structure & Curriculum

Upon enrollment, you'll access [LCAO's user-friendly eLearning platform](#). This website allows self-paced learning while accommodating your personal and professional commitments. As a graduate, you will retain a lifetime access to all coursework and updates, which serve as valuable reference tools.

The program curriculum is split into **two online learning modules**. Module 1 includes eight preclinical courses that build a solid body of knowledge essential for equine osteopaths. Module 2 delivers competence in osteopathic assessment and treatment skills necessary to provide safe and effective osteopathic care to horses of all ages and breeds. After completing both modules, you will receive certification as an **Equine Osteopath (Int'l DipEO)**.

The **Masterclass (MC)** is an **optional** part of the program and is offered annually in various locations worldwide. During five intensive clinical days, participants practice treat over 25 horses under the guidance of experienced instructors and learned advanced techniques not taught online. Participation in masterclasses is highly recommended but **not required** to graduate with the International Diploma in Equine Osteopathy.





MODULE 1 : Preclinical curriculum / Core Knowledge / 525 hrs

The eight preclinical courses are self-paced, with no set timeline for completion. Throughout your learning journey, you will have support from course instructors who are available via email, online forums, and video conferencing.

1. Philosophy & History of Animal Osteopathy | PHO | 30 hrs



This course summarizes the history of manual medicine from antiquity through the 21st century. It covers developments in various ancient civilizations, discussing key figures like Hippocrates and Galen in ancient Greece and advances made during the medieval, Renaissance, and early modern periods. You will examine the core principles of osteopathic medicine and the distinct characteristics of the osteopathic treatment approach. A special highlight is the significance of physical observation, palpation, and various techniques osteopaths employ to treat animals.

2. Osteopathic Models of Health & Disease | OHD | 30 hrs



The OHD course covers the fundamental tenets of osteopathy and explores the various approaches it offers for promoting health and addressing illness. Key osteopathic concepts are analyzed, emphasizing the interdependent relationship between structure and function and the body's inherent self-correction mechanisms. You will review the five models of osteopathic medicine and be able to identify manual techniques used by animal osteopaths, including their physiological principles, indications, and contraindications.

3. Equine Systemic Anatomy & Physiology | E-SAP | 95 hrs



Profound knowledge of anatomy and physiology is of utter importance for anyone involved in animal healthcare. Anatomy (structure) and physiology (function) are interconnected and impact the body's movement, digestion, susceptibility to illnesses, and recovery from injuries. A thorough understanding of the healthy functioning of organs is necessary to evaluate an animal's overall health accurately. This course provides comprehensive coverage of all body systems, with a special focus on the equine locomotive system and its critical role in maintaining the animal's quality of life.

4. Equine Functional Anatomy & Biomechanics | E-FAB | 95 hrs



The course examines anatomy and biomechanics in relation to movement and function. You will study the 'normal' organization and structure of the musculoskeletal system that underpins function, especially while in motion. Muscles and muscle groups are described in terms of their functional anatomy: origin, insertion, innervation, vascular supply, and the actions the muscle group is responsible for. At the end of the course, you will be able to analyze the biomechanics of movement on a structural level and recognize compensations due to physical restrictions.

5. Equine Pathology & Diseases | E-CPD | 95 hrs



Pathology examines abnormal or unwanted conditions, whereas pathophysiology delves into how diseases or injuries impact the body's functions. This course concentrates on more than one hundred disorders that horses may experience throughout their lifespan. It offers comprehensive insights into the causes, symptoms, progression, prevention techniques, and treatment options available for these disorders. Additionally, the course describes orthopedic conditions, their distinct considerations, as well as indications, and contraindications for osteopathic therapy.

6. Equine Neurophysiology | E-NPS | 85 hrs



Neuroscience is the study of the brain, a complex organ that controls thinking, learning, voluntary movement, and posture coordination. Like humans, the animal brain interprets and integrates information the body receives. In this course, you will explore the nervous system of a horse and the complex circuits that allow them to perceive and react to stimuli. You'll review the anatomy and physiology of a single neuron, the neural junction, and the main nerves and their functions.

7. Equine Behaviour & Psychology | E-EBP | 40 hrs



To effectively work with animal patients, it is crucial to have an understanding of their behavior, body language, and gestures. This study provides a comprehensive overview of instinctual and learned behaviors. You will examine internal and external factors that can cause abnormalities and techniques to prevent and manage aggression in healthcare settings. Additionally, the course covers effective communication skills with horses of different breeds and temperaments.

8. Equine Clinical Assessment | E-CCA | 55 hrs



The course covers the stages of an osteopathic clinical assessment. You will learn the protocol for taking a case history and performing a physical examination, which involves palpation, gait analysis, and identifying signs of lameness. You will learn how to assess the equine hoof, a crucial weight-bearing structure pivotal to equine health. By the end of the course, you will enhance your critical thinking skills and be able to recognize indications and contraindications to treatment.



MODULE 2 : Clinical Studies | Assessment, Techniques, Treatments | 600 hrs

The clinical module, led by Professor Stuart McGregor, is designed to develop your osteopathic diagnosis and treatment skills. Each learning unit focuses on a particular anatomical area, offering an analytical and systematic approach to treatments that align with your therapeutic objectives. Support will be available throughout your entire learning journey.

Equine clinical studies: 600 hrs

- Unit 1. Visual Assessment
- Unit 2. Palpation
- Unit 3. Treatment of the Forelimb
- Unit 4. Treatment of the Hindlimb
- Unit 5. Treatment of the Neck
- Unit 6. Treatment of the Back
- Unit 7. Lesion Patterns
- Unit 8. Integrated Osteopathic Treatment/ Case Studies

Delivery format

- ✓ Online lessons: recorded lectures & video tutorials
- ✓ 3D visual anatomy review
- ✓ Digital video transcripts; additional readings and handouts
- ✓ Professor McGregor personally reviews students' videos & provides feedback
- ✓ English subtitles are provided in all lectures and video tutorials

Final Assessment: Students submit two videos demonstrating their skills in performing a full osteopathic treatment on two equine patients. Before completing Module 2, a portfolio containing 10 case studies (written notes only) must be presented.

Clinical skills workbook

This useful learning tool will help you get organized while working on case studies and practical assignments through Module 2. The workbook keeps you focused on learning objectives and offers the clinical forms, templates, and work charts for documenting and tracking your progress.

Instructor support

Professor McGregor mentors clinical module students each step of the way. To ensure the proper performance of a new technique, students submit videos to Professor McGregor, who responds with his feedback and recommendations. You are also encouraged to join the Student Forum to communicate directly with your peers and teachers.

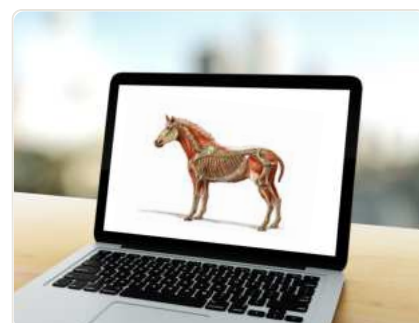
Online Study Groups

Studying independently can be tough, even for the most dedicated learners. To support you in this journey, we offer weekly online study groups led by an instructor. These sessions aim to help you retain course material, clarify challenging concepts, and connect with fellow students from around the globe.



Visual Anatomy Tool

LCAO students receive a free one-year subscription to ivalalearn.com, a premier educational platform on animal anatomy. The app and desktop application provide innovative 3D visual content to enhance your understanding of the equine body.





Stuart McGregor, D.O., AO

LCAO's Director of Clinical Studies
Founder of Osteopathic Center for Animals, U.K.

With its comprehensive perspective, osteopathy aims to restore balance within the body to foster health.

Through targeted techniques that enhance mobility, osteopaths can tackle problems contributing to decreased performance, shifts in behavior, and physical pain, thereby improving the overall vitality of animals.

Osteo provides you with the tools to incorporate structural therapy, offering a thorough assessment and treatment approach.

– Stuart McGregor

Stuart McGregor is a leading authority in Animal Osteopathy, globally recognized for his significant contributions to the advancement of the profession.

In 1983, he pioneered a **classical structural approach** to osteopathic treatment of animals and authored the first comprehensive work on equine osteopathic care "The Principles of Osteopathy applied to the Horse".

Since graduating from the European School of Osteopathy in 1984, McGregor devoted more than four decades to teaching and practicing, training many animal healthcare professionals working as equine or canine osteopaths in Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East.

Professor McGregor has devoted his career to creating the **Osteopathic Articular Balancing (OAB) method**, which comprises a series of manipulative techniques recognized for their safety and effectiveness in diagnosing and relieving pain and restrictions in joints, muscles, ligaments, and soft tissues.

As the Director of Clinical Studies at London College of Animal Osteopathy, Professor McGregor generously shares his extensive knowledge and experience with animal therapists pursuing animal osteopathic studies at LCAO.



Mario Soriano, DVM, AO

President of Veterinary Osteopathic Association Spain
Founder of Equicare and Infinity centres
LCAO Director of Veterinary Osteopathic Studies

"Osteopathy offers a comprehensive understanding of living beings in harmony with their nature.

By grasping the philosophy behind osteopathic practice and applying precise techniques, osteopathic practitioners are empowered to promote animal health in a coherent and holistic way."

– Mario Soriano

Mario Soriano received his veterinary certification in 2001 and has dedicated the past two decades to training in various equine and canine osteopathic systems and techniques under the mentorship of diverse Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs). He has adapted numerous techniques for application in veterinary medicine.

Deeply committed to the philosophy of osteopathy, his career is marked by the continuous integration of innovative approaches, particularly in fascial and craniosacral techniques.

In recent years, Mario has concentrated on enhancing equestrian sports performance through osteopathy. This endeavor culminated in his leadership of the Equicare and Infinity centers, where rehabilitation programs are developed based on osteopathic principles.

Additionally, he has spearheaded the establishment of osteopathy units in several veterinary clinics for small animals.

Passionate about teaching and osteopathy, he combines his fieldwork in osteopathy with serving as president of the Veterinary Osteopathy Association, sharing knowledge, and practicing his greatest passion: classical dressage."



Masterclasses 2025

LCAO Masterclasses are held annually in accessible locations for our community of students and graduates. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your diagnostic and treatment skills while connecting with like-minded professionals from various parts of the world.

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MASTERCLASS 2025
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Hands-on Seminars
Advanced Osteopathic Techniques
CLASSICAL STRUCTURAL OSTEOPATHY
in Equine and Canine Practice

for students and graduates of London College of Animal Osteopathy

Under the guidance of Professor McGregor and his team of skilled instructors and practicing osteopaths, you will

- Learn advanced osteopathic techniques that are not taught in an online format;
- Improve your palpation, evaluation, and osteopathic reasoning skills;
- Develop a treatment style relevant to the specialization of your practice.

Please visit [our website](#) to hear from students who have participated in LCAO Masterclasses in recent years.



WHAT LCAO STUDENTS AND GRADUATES ARE SAYING...



I am having a great experience with this program. The organization is top-notch, the tutors are highly qualified, and every faculty member is readily available. I'd like to thank the tech support team for their patience and prompt assistance when I needed help.

Carlotta, DO and Animal Osteopath, Italy



I'm so excited about the Osteopathic Equine Diploma Course... it's superbly put together and extremely engaging! I began my studies with LCAO three months ago and am currently taking pre-clinical courses. The content is quite advanced, but the material is well-explained and supported by clear, concise tutorials and videos that aid in understanding the concepts. The quizzes and exams consist of multiple-choice questions, allowing multiple attempts to achieve the highest possible marks. My learning experience with LCAO has been exceptional, and I highly recommend it to fellow equine therapists.

Alysson, Equine Massage Therapist, USA



I enjoyed my time with the LCAO. The coursework was engaging and delivered well. The tutors and supervisors were very friendly, helpful, and approachable. They were always there to help answer questions as well as offer guidance and support. Overall I would highly recommend the LCAO. I will look into the master class options available and follow up in due course. Thank you for all your help; from the first meeting, it's been a very positive experience!

Eugenia, Veterinarian, Ireland



I am thoroughly enjoying the course; it offers not only fresh and insightful information but also a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with concepts from my previous studies. I am genuinely impressed by the content, delivery, and support provided. Even though I am new to this distance learning environment, I already feel a sense of belonging to an incredible community of professionals, and I eagerly anticipate becoming an active part of it. Thank you once again, and I look forward to the day we meet during the hands-on course.

Tracy, Veterinary Physiotherapist, Cert. Rehabilitation Therapist & Hydrotherapist, United Kingdom



TUITION FEES & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Int'l Diploma in Equine Osteopathy : \$6,000 USD

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- Tuition is due upon enrolment
- 5% discount on a one-time payment
- Interest-free payment option of two installments, billed five weeks apart
- All-inclusive tuition: no additional fees or hidden expenses
- Tax-deductable

Masterclass (hands-on training, five days): \$2,200 USD

- Optional Attendance
- Available to graduates and students who completed 70% of their curriculum
- Tuition is due 12 weeks before the Masterclass start date

Payment options

We provide secure payment methods, including PayPal, Stripe, and bank transfers; you don't need an account to use debit or credit cards. Please be aware that tuition fees are displayed in USD, but we accept local currencies according to the current exchange rate. Additionally, Canadian students can utilize Interac transfers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the application form.
- Attach documents demonstrating your educational and/or professional background.
- Write a brief personal statement in the application form text box. Tell us about yourself, your current practice, and what drives you to pursue a career in animal osteopathy.
- Submit **US \$50.00** application fee, **refundable upon admission**.
- Your application will be processed within two business days. Select applicants may be invited for an online interview with an admissions officer.

APPLY NOW



If you have questions that aren't covered in this prospectus, please email info@aosteocollege.com or [schedule a meeting](#) with an LCAO admissions advisor.

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community of LCAO students and faculty!

