

# ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS



If the candidate has AAT certification, they move to the final stage.

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Online interview with candidate.



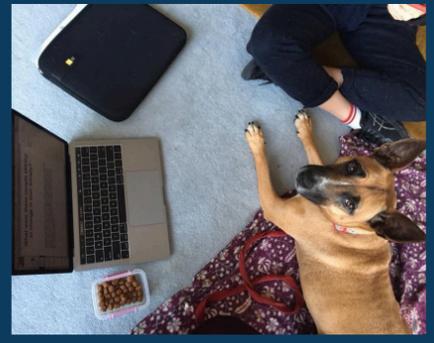
Candidate commits to Pathway to Employment course, signs Contract of Intent & makes payment.

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The candidate begins Unit 1 & completes the literature review.



The candidate completes the reflection & commits to observation rounds.

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Attend the intensive workshop & complete Units 2 & 3 with their trainee therapy dog.



Once all assignments are submitted, the candidate will receive their certificates and employment contract.

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Once the candidate has signed their contract & completed inductions, they are now part of our team!

PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

# ASSOCIATED COSTS

## ONLINE COURSE - \$1500

Designed to give you real life experience of working in the Animal Assisted Therapy industry, this 4 unit Google Classroom portal covers Literature Reviews, Canine Comprehension of original materials, curriculum documents, pedagogy examples, assignments and testing material.

## 4 DAY INTENSIVE WORKSHOP - \$800

The workshop covers the core concepts and techniques of Animal Assisted Therapy, using a mix of dog training and conventional teaching methods.

The material covered in this workshop includes:

- Dog body language and safety
- Reflective training practices
- Dog training, covering manners, tricks and agility
- Work expectations and Core Competencies

## DOGMANSHIP ONLINE TRAINING - \$160

Working online with Heidi Hamilton, a professional dog trainer and behaviour specialist, who has worked with thousands of dogs and owners with the hands-on experience necessary to get quick, real and lasting results training results.

Instant access to the entire 'how-to' training library. Access to the private group the 'Dogmanship Training Tribe'. Twice a month LIVE coaching within the training tribe.

Ability to join in on the live monthly coaching and monthly training challenges. Support whenever you need it. It Covers the first 3 months.

## EQUIPMENT PACK - \$300

All materials a tutor requires to run both individual sessions and group programs.

Including

therapy harness,

iron-on logos,

booklets & writing materials,

Gifts for clients &

Canine Comprehension tote bag.

## TOTAL COST

**\$2760 inc GST**

**Payment options available**



*"I love finding the right people to join our team & give them the opportunity to work with young people who really need our help."*

*"Being a tutor is challenging and life-affirming. I look forward to meeting you and your future AAI dog!"*

*Sarah Macdonald*

**WORK WITH YOUR DOG, AND CHANGE YOUNG LIVES THROUGH DOG-ASSISTED LEARNING.**



# PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT READING LIST

## PRE - LISTENING

### **Animal Assisted Therapy**

By: Centre of Excellence

We recommend the audiobook -

Narrated by: Jane Branch

Length: 3 hrs and 11 mins

Audiobook Release date: 25-10-2018

Language: English

Publisher: Author's Republic

Audiobook

**\$14.95 from Audible.**



Should be completed before Unit 2.

## E BOOK

### **Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy**

Foundations and Guidelines for Animal-Assisted Interventions

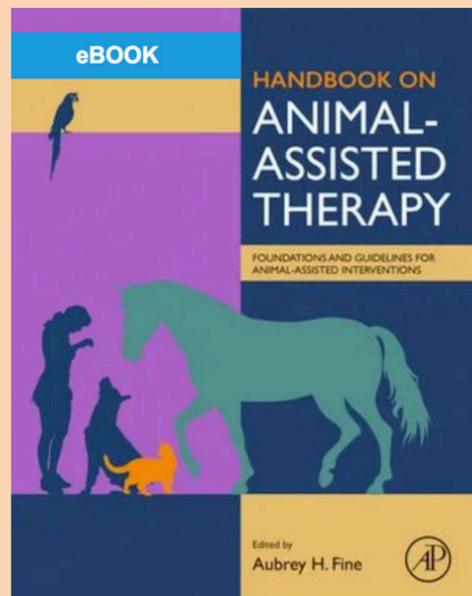
By: Aubrey H. Fine (Editor)

Published: 14th August 2019

ISBN: 9780128189245

We recommend the E-book

**\$61.50 from Booktopia.**



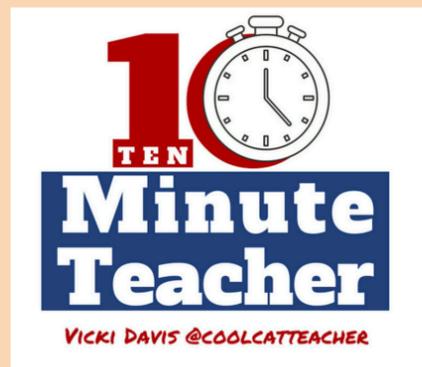
No expectation to read the entire text during the course - this will be an ongoing resource for your career.

## PODCAST

### **The Ten Minute Teacher.**

Offers five episodes a week, focusing on different themes. Motivational Mondays, EdTech Tool Tuesdays, Wonderful Classroom Wednesdays, Thought Leader Thursdays, and Five Idea Fridays.

**Free Download.**



At least 5 podcasts should be listened to before Unit 4.

## E BOOK

### **Animal-Assisted Therapy**

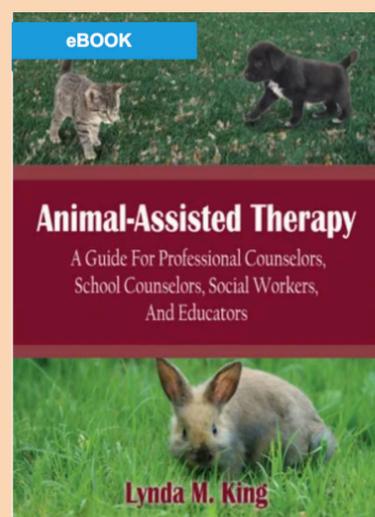
A Guide for Professional Counselors, School Counselors, Social Workers, and Educators

By: Lynda M. King

Published: 12th January 2018

ISBN: 9781467812214.

**\$5.93 from Booktopia.**



No expectation to read the entire text during the course - this will be an ongoing resource for your career.

## TOTAL INVESTMENT

**Approx. \$85.00**

**All are to be downloaded before the commencement of Unit 1.**



# PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

# 4 DAY WORKSHOP



## Overview:

This intensive workshop focuses on the common challenges of running group and individual classes with your animal-assisted therapy dog. These include classroom management and engagement in the context of the Canine Comprehension curriculum, selecting and developing appropriate pedagogy for your student's needs and your dog's skills. These are all elements required for our entrance level core competencies, and the intensive is intended to accelerate participants' preparation toward becoming a tutor with the company. The topics will be experientially taught to reflect the diversity of learning approaches of both the therapy dog in training and the human handler.

## Intended learning outcomes:

- have an enhanced awareness of dog communication and body language in relation to risk and safety in both training sessions and with clients.
- have an ability to reflect on, critically evaluate and synthesise your experiences of training and real-life outcomes.
- be better able to articulate the range of problems, concepts and theories relevant to their work in dog-assisted interventions
- an understanding of Canine Comprehension tutor expectations and Core Competencies

## DAY 1

9am - Tour of property.  
10am - Induction  
11am - Dog Training  
1pm - Lunch  
2pm - Dog Training  
3pm - Unit 2 & 3  
5pm - Finish for the day

## DAY 2

9am - Unit 2 & 3.  
11am - Dog Training  
1pm - Lunch  
2pm - Dog Training  
3pm - Unit 2 & 3  
5pm - Finish for the day

## DAY 3

10am - Units 2 & 3  
11am - Dog Training  
1pm - Lunch  
2pm - Dog Training  
3pm - Unit 2 & 3  
4pm - Finish for the day

## DAY 4

9am - Unit 2 & 3  
11am - Dog Training  
1pm - Lunch in Mansfield  
2pm - Training with the public  
3 pm - Finish for the day.



# PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

# TIME FRAMES

## Unit 1

**2 weeks to complete**

Text to read:

- Animal Assisted Therapy, By: Centre of Excellence
- Animal-Assisted Therapy, A Guide for Professional Counsellors, School Counsellors, Social Workers, and Educators

Dog Training:

Continue working with Dogmanship Training for at least 3 months.

Assessments:

- Literature Review
- Abbreviations

## Unit 2 & Unit 3

**4 days Workshop in Tolmie**

Nightly reflection and homework will be given during the 4-day intensive workshop.

Texts to complete:

- Making sense podcast
- minute teacher podcasts.

Assessments:

- Reflections,
- topic questions,
- dog handling & dog manners.

## Unit 4

**1 week to complete**

Text to continue reading:

- Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy Foundations and Guidelines for Animal-Assisted Interventions

Image: All units are presented through Google Classroom, an example of a few of the subjects covered in Unit 3.

### Role Modelling



Bill Rogers on the first lesson  5

Posted Apr 7, 2021



How Canine Comprehension views role ...  8

Edited Nov 1, 2020

### Problem Solving



What elements of problem solving would yo...

Edited Feb 20, 2021



How Canine Comprehension views prob...  8

Edited Oct 1, 2020

### Organisation



Organisation & preparation  4

Posted Apr 6, 2021



How Canine Comprehension views orga...  7

Edited Apr 7, 2021



What would be your top 5 tips for getting or...

Posted Feb 20, 2021

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **Workshop Location**

The training site is in Tolmie, Victoria. 2.5 hours from Melbourne and 20 minutes from Mansfield, with views of Mt Buller. Candidates are encouraged to stay locally the day before the course starts to allow their dog time to rest after the long drive.

## **Accommodation recommendation:**

All Seasons - Mansfield: On-site unit is able to house two people.

There are 10 self-contained units on the property, a pool, tennis court, basketball hoop, jumping pillow and a small playground. There is also plenty of shaded lawn, a communal BBQ area and extra areas for walking around (the property is not fenced, so dogs need to be on a lead). The owner, Craig will allow dogs if you call and ask and if your dog is well behaved.

2-4 Greenvale Lane Mansfield.

[www.allseasonsmansfield.com.au](http://www.allseasonsmansfield.com.au)

ph: (03) 5775 2335.

## **Visitor Centre:**

The Mansfield Mt Buller Visitor Information Centre provides information and booking services for local attractions, activities and accommodation options in the Mansfield Mt Buller region. Visit, call or email to speak to our knowledgeable, friendly locals for advice, personalised service and a warm welcome.

Call them on 03 5775 7000, Email: [visitorinfo@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorinfo@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

Address: Mansfield Mt Buller The High Country Visitor Information Centre  
173 High Street, Mansfield, Victoria, 3722.

## **What to Bring to the Workshop each day**

- comfortable sneakers,
- casual clothes, including a warm jacket as Tolmie, is usually 6 degrees colder than Melbourne),
- own lunch (kitchen available),
- water bottle,
- laptop, charger etc,
- your dog training notes from Dogmanship Training,
- dog bed,
- lead, halter (if you use one), long lead (for recalls) - no harnesses.
- dog treats for clicker training &
- your dog.

## **The Property**

Is 13 acres in total and is home to dogs, cats, goats and horses - these animals may be used for distraction training. If you are allergic, please let us know.

There is plenty of room to practice obedience, manners and agility.

Classroom sessions will be run in the onsite unit, which is fully airconditioned.

