



## Animal Assisted Interventions, Level 5 Diploma

### GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

This document has been created to give potential students the information that they need to make a decision about whether the course is right for them. Once you have read through the document, please do email us on [courses@elysianuk.org](mailto:courses@elysianuk.org), for more information, including an application form and costings.

Are you passionate about animals and interested in integrating their therapeutic benefits into your professional practice? Our Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI) Diploma Programme offers a comprehensive pathway for individuals seeking to become competent practitioners in this rapidly growing field.

#### **Why Choose Our AAI Diploma Programme?**

- **Comprehensive Curriculum:** Our programme covers a wide range of topics, from the foundational principles of AAI to advanced skills in working with different client groups and trauma.
- **Experiential Learning:** You'll have the opportunity to participate in hands-on exercises and activities with a variety of animals, allowing you to experience the therapeutic benefits firsthand.
- **Expert Guidance:** Our experienced facilitators are dedicated to supporting your learning journey every step of the way, providing personalised feedback and mentorship.
- **Flexible Learning:** With a combination of on-site training, virtual components, and individual tutor meetings, our programme offers flexibility to accommodate your schedule and learning preferences.

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **1. How is the Diploma facilitated?**

Our Diploma programme consists of eight modules, each with guided learning hours ranging from 6 to 18 hours. You'll participate in on-site training sessions at a therapy farm, engage in virtual learning activities, complete assignments, and develop a portfolio to showcase your learning.

#### **2. How much time do I need to spend 'on the farm' for training?**

The amount of time spent on-site varies for each module, ranging from one to two days. Additionally, there are virtual components and individual tutor meetings to support your learning outside of on-site sessions. Please see page 3 for further details on this

### **3. What are the entry requirements for the Diploma?**

To enrol in the Diploma programme, you must have attended the Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy and Intervention workshop with Elysian, demonstrate proficiency in spoken and written English (equivalent to IELTS 6.5), be over 21 years old, have significant and relevant experience in the field of health, social care, education or a related field, and possess emotional resilience to handle the demands of the course. Applicants can apply and will be assessed according to these criteria.

### **4. How is the Diploma assessed?**

Assessment methods include a Reflective Learning Journal, case study reports, assignments, and quizzes. These assessments are internally evaluated by our facilitators and graded on a pass/fail basis.

### **5. What are the progression opportunities after completing the Diploma?**

Upon successful completion of the Diploma, you'll have the skills and knowledge to facilitate Animal-Assisted Interventions in various settings such as health, social care, or education. You can also further develop your professional practice or pursue employment opportunities in the field of AAI.

### **Ready to Take the Next Step?**

Join us on this rewarding journey to become a certified Animal Assisted Intervention practitioner! Contact us today to learn more about our programme schedule, enrolment process, and upcoming sessions.

### **What if I cannot make one of the Module/training dates?**

If you cannot make one of the module dates, this is not a problem, you can join that module when it is repeated. We will aim to have at least two sets of each module per year, so students have some flexibility, should they not be able to make one of the modules.

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All modules are taught throughout the year, in a carousel schedule, so if you are not able to attend particular scheduled modules, you will have further opportunity to take those modules throughout the year.

## **FAQ – HOW IS THE DIPLOMA FACILITATED – HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO BE ‘ON THE FARM’ FOR TRAINING?**

The training days are usually 9.15am to 4.45pm

The qualification Modules are structured as follows:

**1. Becoming an Animal Assisted Intervention Facilitator: 12 GLH, 40 TQT**

Two training days on the farm, portfolio, Quiz, Learning Journal

**2. Underpinning Research and Theory of Animal Assisted Intervention: 12 GLH, 40 TQT**

**3. Building Skills with AAI and Practising Safely: 18 GLH, 40 TQT**

Module 2 and 3 are combined to form: two training days on the farm, and approx. 8 hours allocated for group and individual tutor meetings (on Teams) . Assignments, Portfolio and learning journal.

**4. Selecting the Appropriate Animals, Environment and Intervention: 12 GLH, 40 TQT**

**5. Professional Practice, Boundaries and Ethics: 12 GLH, 40 TQT**

Module 4 and 5 are combined to form: two training days at the farm, assignments, portfolio, case study work with follow up tutoring/mentoring on Teams.

**6. Working with Different Client Groups and Needs: 18 GLH, 60 TQT**

**7. Working with Trauma and Developing Personal and Professional Resilience in AAI: 12 GLH, 50 TQT**

Module 6 and 7 are combined to form: two training days at the farm, assignments, portfolio, case study work with follow up tutoring/mentoring on Teams.

**8. Becoming a Reflective Practitioner: 6 GLH, 60 TQT**

4 hour virtual tutor group and final assignment, submission of portfolio and Reflective Learning Journal.

**Total qualification: 102 GLH, 370 TQT**