

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOLISTIC ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS (IAHAP)

## Application to Sit for the Board Certified Animal Massage Practitioner Examination

*This application is for professionals seeking eligibility to sit for the IAHAP board examination.*

### 1. Application Instructions

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Please review all requirements carefully before submitting this application. Applicants must submit a complete application along with all requested supporting documentation. Incomplete applications may be delayed or returned without review. Please note that submission of an application does not guarantee approval to sit for the board examination.

### 2. Eligibility Summary

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Applicants must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements to be approved for the examination:

- Active IAHAP Professional Membership in good standing.
- Agreement to the IAHAP Code of Ethics and scope of practice expectations.
- Minimum of 200 hours of qualifying education/training in animal massage/bodywork, with recommended categories:
  - 60 hours: Anatomy & Physiology
  - 20 hours: Gait, Posture, and Biomechanics
  - 20 hours: Safety, Handling, Contraindications, and Client/Animal Welfare
  - 80 hours: Massage and Bodywork Techniques
  - 20 hours: Intake, Documentation, Ethics, and Communication
- Minimum of 20 hours supervised practical training.
- Minimum of 50 documented hands-on sessions on at least 10 individual animals.
- Submission of 3 to 5 detailed case summaries.
- Proof of education/training and supporting records (certificates, transcripts, logs).
- Successful completion of required examination components after approval.

### 3. Applicant Information

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Full Legal Name

Preferred Name

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Business / Practice Name

Website

Mailing Address

City

State / Province

Postal Code

Country

Phone

Email

IAHAP Membership Number

Membership Expiration Date

Species Focus (Check all that apply)

Equine  Canine  Feline  Small Animal  Multi-Species  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Professional Background

Current Professional Role / Title

Years in Practice

Primary Services Offered

Current Certifications / Licenses / Credentials

Practice Setting (e.g., Mobile, Clinic, Barn, Grooming Salon)

#### 5. Education & Training Record

Course / Program	Education Provider	Dates Completed	Total Hours	Category	Certificate/Transcript Included?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Training Hours Summary

Training Category (Recommended Minimums)	Applicant Hours Completed
Anatomy & Physiology (60 hours)	
Gait, Posture, and Biomechanics (20 hours)	
Safety, Handling, Contraindications, and Welfare (20 hours)	
Massage and Bodywork Techniques (80 hours)	
Intake, Documentation, Ethics, and Communication (20 hours)	
<b>Total Qualifying Education Hours (Minimum 200 required):</b>	

## 6. Supervised Practical Training (Minimum 20 Hours)

Supervisor / Mentor Name & Credentials

Organization / School

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Supervisor Contact Information (Email/Phone)

Total Supervised Hours Completed

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Brief Summary of Supervised Training Activities

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## 7. Hands-On Experience & Case Documentation

A minimum of 50 documented hands-on sessions on at least 10 individual animals must be completed. A complete case log must be attached to this application.

Total Number of Documented Sessions

Total Number of Individual Animals

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Case Summaries (Please provide 3 case summaries below or attach separately)

Animal ID / Species	Primary Concern	Techniques Used	No. of Sessions	Outcomes / Observations

## 8. Supporting Documentation Checklist

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- Completed and signed application form.
- Proof of active IAHAAP Professional Membership.
- Education certificates and/or official transcripts verifying required hours.
- Verification or letter confirming supervised practical training.
- Complete hands-on experience case log (minimum 50 sessions).
- 3 to 5 detailed case summaries (if not fully detailed in section 7).
- Copy of government-issued photo ID.
- Any additional required materials as specified by the board.

## 9. Attestations and Professional Declarations

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- I affirm that all information provided in this application and accompanying documents is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that approval to sit for the examination is based upon a comprehensive review of my submitted materials and that IAHAAP reserves the right to request additional information or clarification.
- I agree to abide by the IAHAAP Code of Ethics and professional scope of practice expectations at all times.
- I understand that board certification by IAHAAP does not replace or supersede any state, provincial, or federal legal and licensure requirements, and I agree to practice only within the lawful scope permitted in my jurisdiction.
- I understand that examination fees and specific approval timelines will be communicated to me separately or in accordance with current IAHAAP policy once my application is reviewed.

## 10. Signature

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**Applicant Printed Name**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

## 11. Supervisor / Instructor Verification (Optional)

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*To be completed by a primary instructor or supervisor to verify the applicant's practical readiness.*

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**Name & Credentials**

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**Title / Organization**

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**Comments**

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Supervisor / Instructor Signature

Date

**IAHAP Office Use Only**

**Date Received**

**Application Reviewed By**

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**Status**

Approved    Pending    Incomplete    Denied

**Notes**

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