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**CANADIAN \$
PROGRAMS -**
*U.S. school costs
not provided*

[Companion Animal
Sciences Institute](#)

[Good Dog
Academy](#)

[dogma Training &
Pet Services Inc.](#)

[Karen Pryor
Academy \(can attend &
pay tuition in Canada\)](#)

[Ottawa
Canine
School](#)

[Service Dog
Training Institute](#)

	James O'Heare	Geri Patz, Jamie Knowles, Heather Grandy	Megan Stanley	Karen Pryor, Caroline McDonald	Chantel Mills	Donna Hill
Well known trainers involved in program development.						
Program publishes publicly available information regarding methodology taught to individuals enrolled in the program.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Program addresses the following topics: Animal Learning, Human Learning, Canine Behavior, Health & Nutrition, Business, Laws & Regulations.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	All except business.
Complete program is available to students via online and/or remote testing and grading.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Online, no testing or grading but team can take BC Service Dog Test.
Program includes in-person components.	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	If student is local.
Program material teaches the fundamentals of learning theory, including all of the following: Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning, Non-Associative Learning, and Canine Cognition.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, plus responding to dog communication
Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required to maintain credential status.	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
While a variety of training methods may be discussed or described, the types of dog training methods espoused and used are restricted based on ethics, ideology, and/or philosophies of the program.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mentorship with established canine professionals is offered as an optional part of the program.	Yes	Special request	Yes	No	Yes	1:1 on request
Mentorship with established canine professionals is a required part of the program.	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Basic dog trainer training program offered (i.e., a program that teaches fundamental group and private training skills).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes online and in person (Nanaimo)
Specialty dog training program(s) are available in a standalone form or within the curriculum (e.g., a program that teaches how to instruct dog sports).	No	Yes (Canine First Aid)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (service dog)
Program provides more than one level of dog trainer training (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced, master).	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duration of the program is eight weeks or shorter.	No	No	No	No	No	Can be, student choice
Duration of the program is nine to 25 weeks.	No	No	No	No	Yes	Can be
Duration of the program is 25 weeks or longer.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Can be
Length of the program is flexible (i.e., students who spend more time per week on the program finish it faster).	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Program requires 100 hours of dog training experience (in the last year) before taking final exams and/or coursework.	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Entity offering the program requires students and instructors to adhere to a published ethical standard.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Program requires graduates to adhere to a published ethical standard and/or maintains a compliance mechanism.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Cost	\$2,600	\$1,395	\$3,360	\$6,625	\$2,891	Depends on student choices

AMERICAN & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS [Animal Behavior College](#) [Animal Behavior Institute](#) [Bergin University of Canine Studies](#) [Canine Behavior Associates](#) [Canines for Service Program](#) [CATCH Canine Trainers Academy](#) [Do More With Your Dog!](#) [dogbiz](#) [dogtec](#) [Ethology Institute](#) [E-Training for Dogs](#) [Fear Free, LLC](#) [FitPAWS](#) [Good Neighbor Dog Training](#)

Kyra Sundance

Mikkel Becker

Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
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[Raising Canine, LLC](#)

[Rocky Mountain Regional Dog Trainer Academy](#)

[The Academy for Dog Trainers](#)

[Academy for Dog Training & Behavior](#)

Susan Smith

Jean Donaldson

Victoria Stillwell

Yes No Yes Yes

No Yes No Yes

Yes No Yes No

No Yes Yes Yes

Yes Yes Yes Yes

No No No No

Yes Yes Yes Yes

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