

## Meet our Seminar Graduates:

“I took the seminar in 2017 and then started the Master’s program in fall 2017. I was in the first cohort to complete the four semester capstone program. It was a great way for non-academicians to complete the program. While I was at Bergin, there were the fires of 2017, the Green Mill salamander and permitting issues. We had winter quarter in the industrial complex and spring and summer at the Hatchery. Throughout it all the staff just rolled on with the program. Semper Gumby was their motto “Always Flexible.” Since then, I acquired a therapy dog and we are a team in a middle school. Thank you, Bergin!”

-Elena Howard, Seminar 2017/Masters 2017/18

“The service dog training seminar is a great opportunity to network with people with the common interest of exploring the possibilities of the human-canine bond.”

-Cody Bellanger, Seminar 2016

“I highly recommend Bergin for anyone that is interested In becoming a Service Dog trainer or learning more about this industry.”

-Lisa Ann Gray, Seminar 2012



## Bergin College of Canine Studies Home of the Assistance Dog Institute

Founded in 1991 as the Assistance Dog Institute by Dr. Bonita Bergin, originator of the service dog concept, the College expands the boundaries of the human-canine relationship and explores the frontiers of canine cognition and capabilities.

Our programs are based on the “BASICS and ABC’s of the SMARTEST DOG TRAINING.” This is a unique curriculum for training service dogs, other working dogs, or pet dogs of any age, developed by Dr. Bergin, and taught only at the College and by our graduates. The seminar is avocational and does not lead to an academic certificate.



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## Service Dog Training Seminar



## A Unique Perspective!

Have you ever:

- Wondered how dogs think?
- Wanted to teach your dog to read?
- Pondered the legal status of dogs?
- Thought about new ways dogs and humans can work together?

If so... Bergin College is the place for you!

Using the most up-to-date methodologies, the summer seminar expands upon the knowledge of existing service dog programs, helps other assistance dog programs begin service dog training and provides trained employees to existing programs.



“THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE DOG TO TAKE ITS PLACE BESIDE OTHER SPECIES AS A SPECIFIC SUBJECT OF STUDY AT THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LEVEL.”

DR. BONITA M. BERGIN  
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



## Assistance Dog Education

This is an intensive seven-week service dog training course designed to teach individuals to train and place service dogs with individuals with mobility limitations. Hands-on training and an opportunity to student-teach an actual client training are part of the curriculum. The seminar is avocational and does not lead to an academic credential.

### Objectives:

Prepares individuals to become beginning assistance dog trainers, work as entry-level client placement specialists, fundraisers or managers of assistance dog programs.

Other entry-level job availabilities include kennel workers, dog daycare workers, dog walkers, dog trainers, dog sitters and dog product sales people.

## Bergin College Offers:

**Flexibility** – Our summer service dog training seminar is designed for professionals and others interested in furthering their knowledge or job skills through related human-dog studies.

**Diversity** – University seminar students come from all over the United States.

**Intensity** – A fast-paced learning environment with plenty of hands-on dog experience, lectures, and interaction with service dog clients makes every day an adventure.

**Location** – Our campus is in the heart of Sonoma County’s wine country and just an hour drive from San Francisco.

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