

Roadmap to AAI in Professional Settings

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LEARN THE BASICS

Understanding key terminology and foundational concepts will provide the framework for your next steps. Courses like those available at AAAIP will provide this information.

Learn more at aaaiponline.org.

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WORKS TOWARDS AAI SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

This knowledge-based, online-proctored exam demonstrates your awareness of basic best practices in the field.

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CONSIDER THE ANIMALS YOU'LL PARTNER WITH

Do you have a pet who would be a good fit?

Yes.
(Animal is affiliative, mature, and you share a strong relationship)

Complete a team evaluation with an objective, expert evaluator. Many professionals choose to complete an evaluation with a volunteer organization like Pet Partners to earn their 'therapy animal team' title.

No.

Recruit volunteer teams to assist you in your practice. You can post opportunities with local therapy animal organizations or work with AAAIP to find teams in your area.

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OBTAIN INSURANCE

Ensure that your liability insurance is inclusive of AAI. Coverage options are available through AAAIP.

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CONTINUED LEARNING

Utilize your AAAIP membership to engage in continued learning opportunities and consult with other professionals in the industry. This is a recognized best practice that protects all involved in AAI.



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