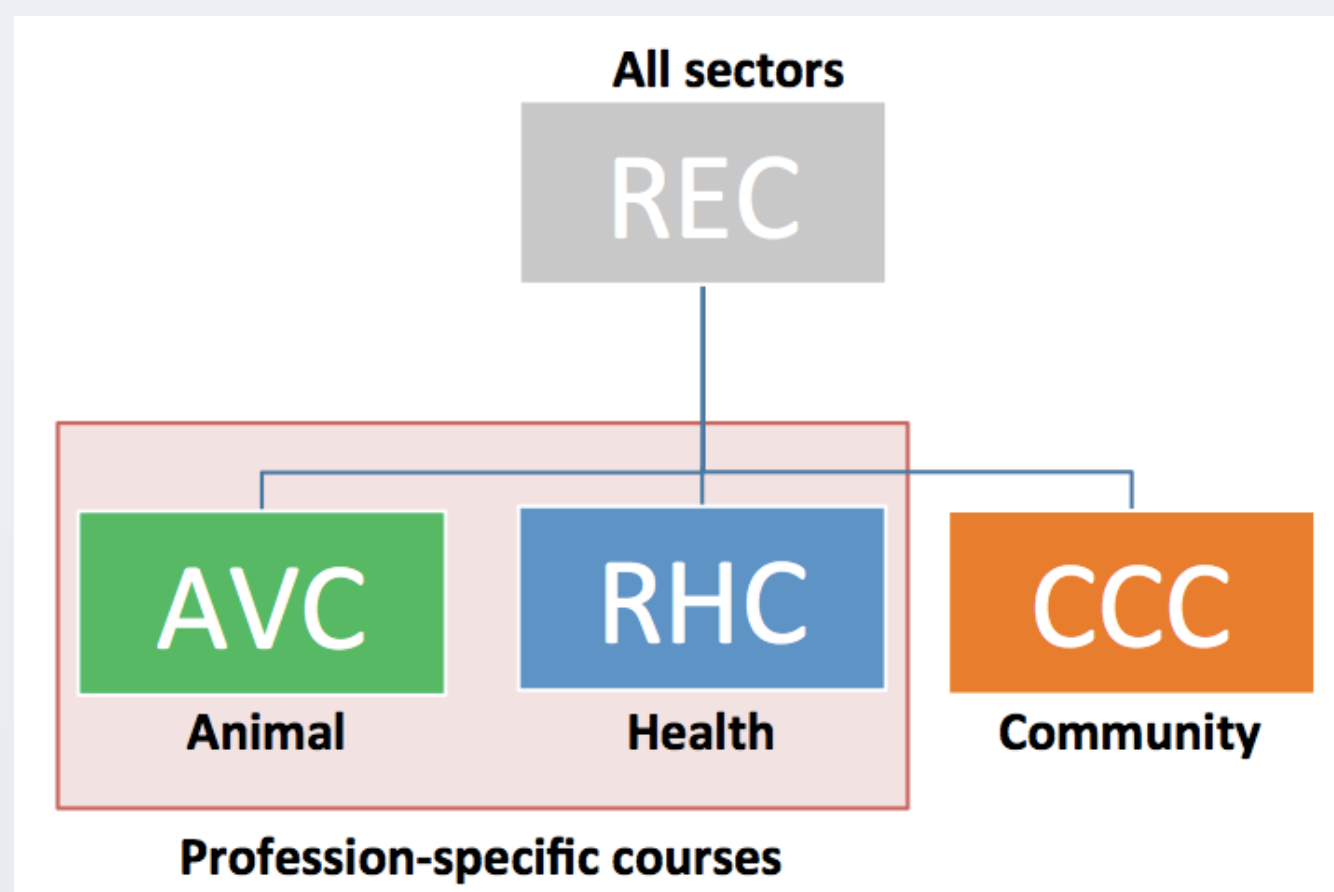


INTRODUCTION

The GARC Education Platform (GEP) is a growing series of courses set up to address country needs for a skilled and knowledgeable set of stakeholders in the animal and human health sectors in order to eliminate rabies. The GEP provides public awareness and professional training activities to fulfil the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) component of the Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination (SARE) assessment.

The courses are available online for free, and in-country training can be provided by GARC, resources permitting.



AVAILABLE COURSES

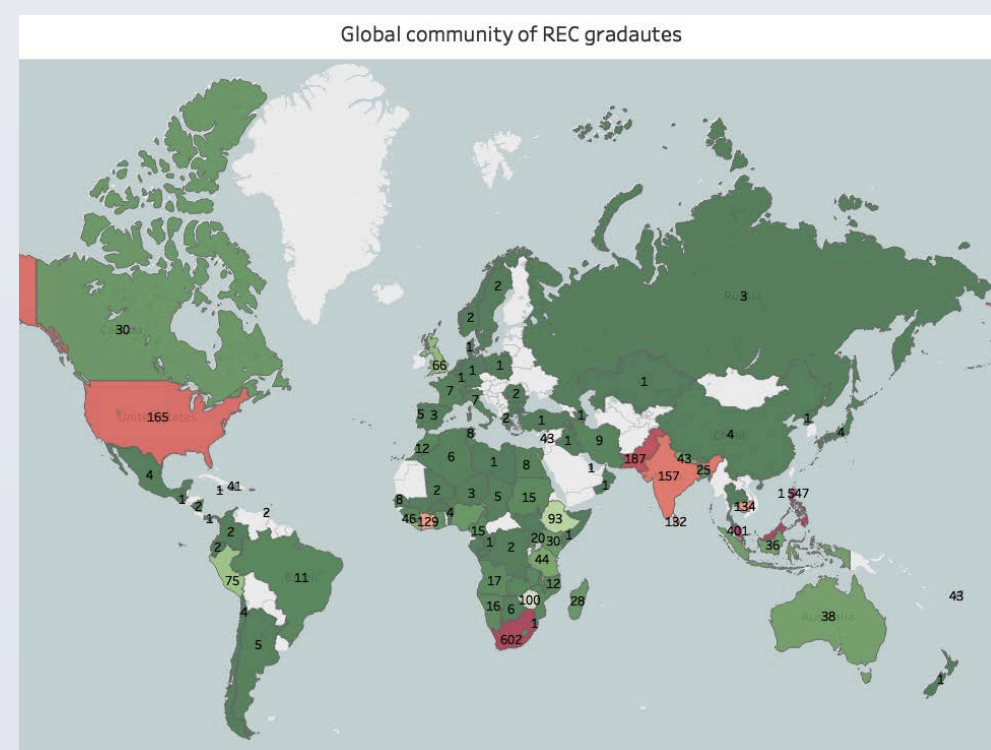
Rabies Educator Certificate (REC)

Target audience: Foundation course for all audiences; (Over 2600 graduates in Asia as of November 2018)

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Content:

- What is rabies and how do people and animals get the disease
- How to avoid dog bites and prevent rabies
- Caring for animals
- Understanding the role of a community educator in preventing dog bites and rabies
- Communicating with people



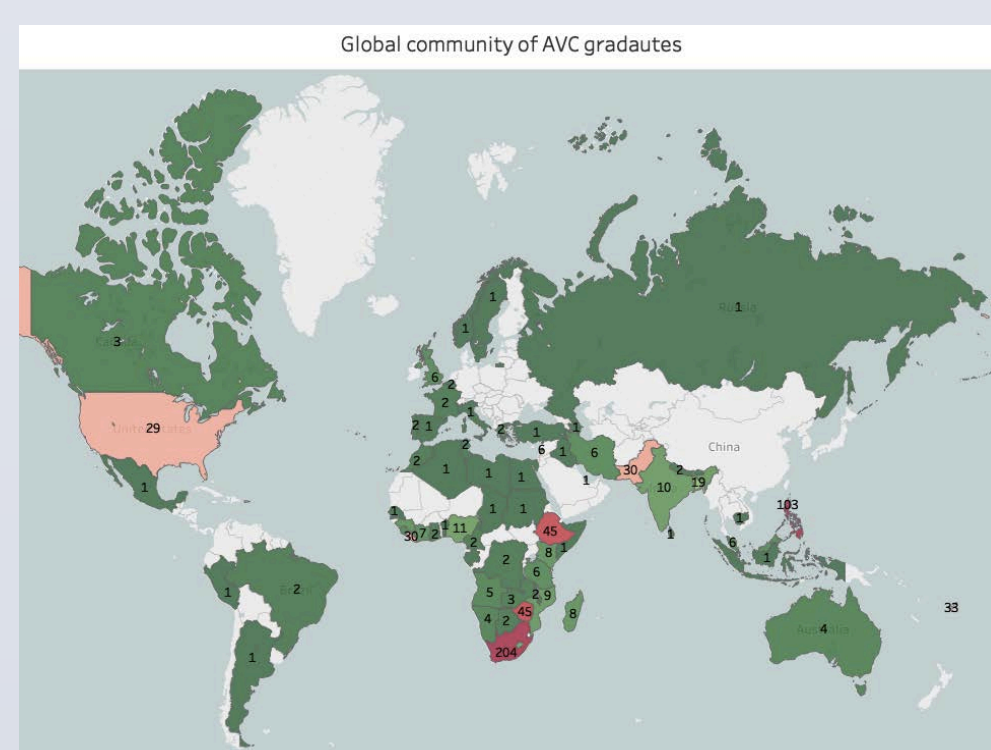
Animal Handling and Vaccination Certificate (AVC)

Target audience: Animal health professionals

Languages: English, French

Content:

- The role of the animal handler and vaccinator
- Understanding animal behaviour
- Effective ways to approach dogs
- Equipment needed to catch and handle dogs
- Effective vaccine administration techniques



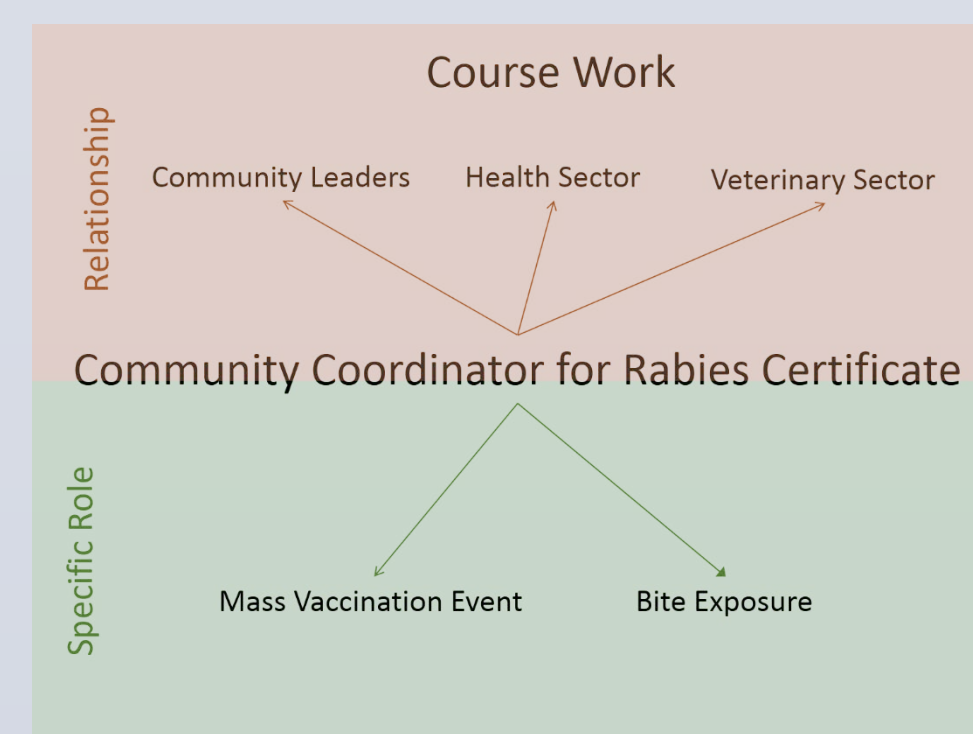
Community Coordinator for Rabies Certificate (CCC)

Target audience: Community focal points

Languages: English, French

Content:

- The role of a Community Coordinator for Rabies
- Building a relationship with community leaders
- Building links with the medical and veterinary sector
- Role during mass dog vaccination campaigns
- Role during a bite case or possible rabies exposure
- Waste management within the community



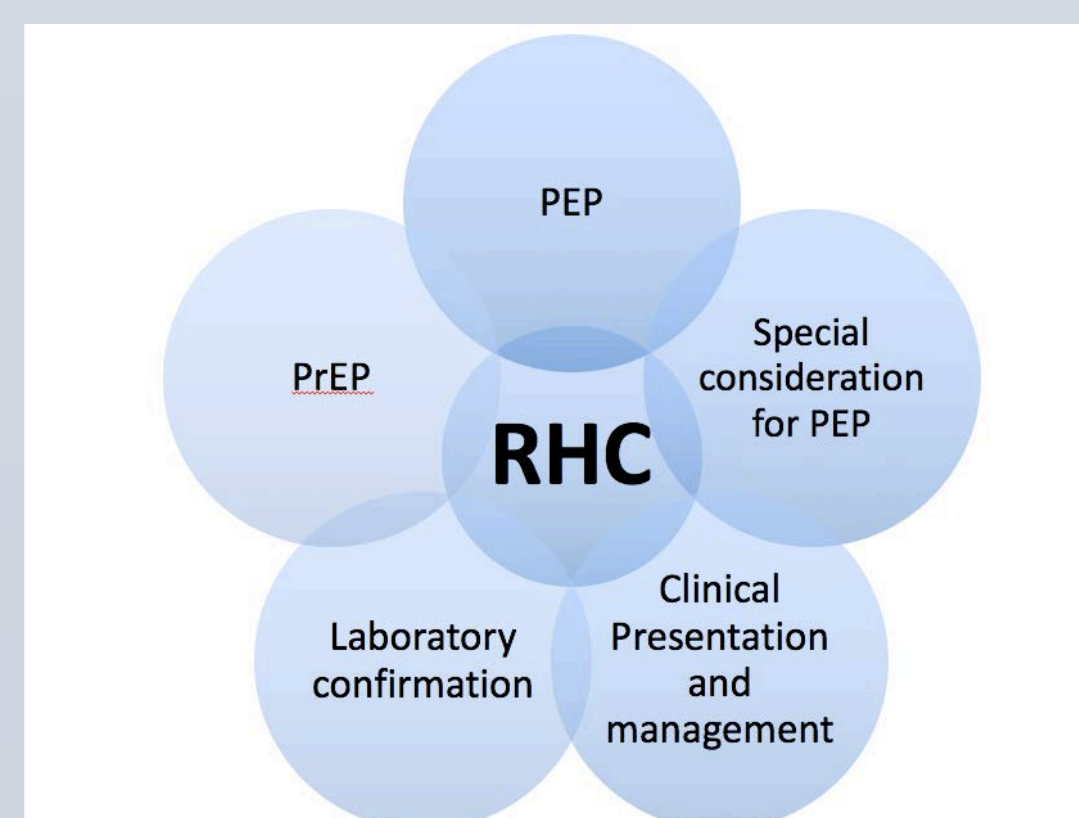
Rabies Healthcare Certificate (RHC)

Target audience: Human health professionals

Languages: English

Content:

- How do you prevent rabies in humans?
- Rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- What to do when a potentially exposed individual presents at a healthcare facility
- Special considerations for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) in humans
- Clinical presentation and management of rabies in humans
- Laboratory confirmation of a human rabies case



HOW THE GEP IS BEING USED BY COUNTRIES

Integration into capacity building programmes



Cambodia: REC graduates from the Applied Epidemiological Training program



Zanzibar: AVC training during a dog vaccination event



Ethiopia: REC and AVC graduates from government veterinary and human health departments



Philippines: Department of Education health teacher-coordinators and social mobilization coordinators trained to create a pool of rabies educators for annual school campaign

Integration into the veterinary curriculum



Philippines: UP Los Baños College of Veterinary Medicine – vaccinating dogs following field veterinary training that included the REC and AVC

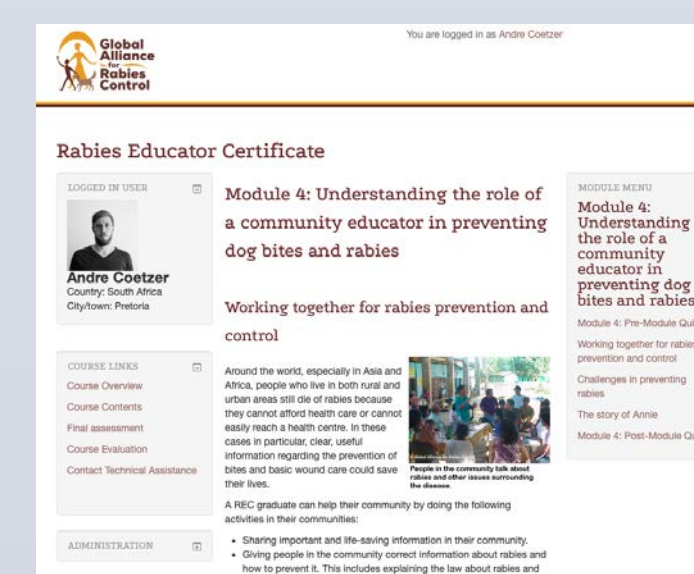


South Africa: University of Pretoria – veterinary students holding a rabies education session for children after passing the REC course

FEATURES & CUSTOMISATION

The courses have been created to be broadly applicable to any country. It offers:

- Free online access
- Self paced learning
- Downloadable lessons to help with intermittent internet connections
- Online quizzes and final assessment
- Certificate of achievement on successful completion of course



Offline workshops and training have been organised by GARC as part of funded in-country capacity building efforts to develop a national rabies elimination programme. This will be extended to other interested countries as resources permit.

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Register for a course at <https://education.rabiesalliance.org>