



Program goals

The primary objective of ProgRESSVet is to create and implement a training program, delivered predominantly on-line, to enhance the capabilities of human resources of the Veterinary Services (VS) in Latin America. The program is based upon the [OIE's Advanced Competencies for veterinary service professionals](#) and seeks to enhance both the knowledge and skills necessary for advanced practice in veterinary services. Beyond individual and group training, ProgRESSVet is aligned with the OIE's objectives of making accessible, promoting, and sustaining measures for regional development.

Background and concept

- ProgRESSVet (Programa Regional de Educación Sistemática de Servicios Veterinarios) is an innovative educational initiative that aims to increase the capacity of veterinary services in Spanish-speaking Latin America.
- ProgRESSVet is a collaborative effort between the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) at the University of Minnesota and the Centro Buenos Aires para la Capacitación de los Servicios Veterinarios (CEBASEV), the designated Collaborating Centers of the World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE) in the Americas.
- ProgRESSVet has the support of several regional organizations, such as the Standing Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP), the International Regional Organization for Agricultural Health (OIRSA), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Organization organizations Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which expressed interest in

supporting the initiative, including, in some cases, financial support.

- In April 2016, representatives from these organizations convened in Minnesota, to discuss a mutually beneficial, partner-based model for creating and implementing the program.
- The program name, ProgRESSVet, was arrived at by vote of representatives of interested parties and selected because:
 1. it combines the languages of the both collaborating centers involved in the proposal, given that the acronym is in English, whereas the name itself is in Spanish, the primary language of program delivery;
 2. the combination of languages references the integration of the multiple cultures and diversity of key players and participants in the initiative; and,
 3. the acronym refers to one of the ultimate goals of the program (to progress veterinary services).

Conceptual framework and organization

ProgRESSVet courses will be delivered on-line, employing the best known and innovative practices for distance, technology-supported education. Individual courses based on OIE advanced competencies will include learning activities and assessments aligned with content-specific learning goals, with focus on the application, integration, and sharing of new knowledge and skills. A certificate of approval will be awarded to those who pass a final comprehensive examination.

Course	OIE Advanced Competency
Introduction to IGOs	International trade
Basic Statistics	Research
Principles of Epidemiology	Control of contagious disease
Spatial Analysis	Control of contagious disease
Risk Analysis	Application of risk analysis
Organization and Administration of Veterinary Services	Organization of veterinary services; Administration & Management
Veterinary Public Health	Control of contagious disease
Policy	All
Seminars	All

Program features

- The program is proposed as an 8-course sequence.
- The University of Minnesota is responsible for the overall coordination of the program, as well as the educational and technical management of courses.
- Each course will be conducted by at least two coordinators, appointed by CAHFS and CEBASEV, based on their professional backgrounds and expertise.
- Coordinators will design the content and invite speakers to complete and deepen the scheduled topics.
- Students will be required to devote at least 6 hours per week for the duration of the program, a stated commitment of OIE Delegates of each country, and approve a final exam for each course (on line) and a final exam for the entire program (in person).

Timeline

November 2016	CVOs designate participants
December 2016	Participants register to the program
December 2016-February 2017	Participants are contacted by program coordinators
March 2017	Program starts
December 2018	Final exam and presentation of final report

Program fees

A program fee of \$10,000 USD will provide participants with full access to all educational material and support from instructors, transportation costs, lodging, and meals for the final workshop and exam, and a certificate of accomplishment, provided that the applicant successfully passes the ProgRESSVET final and comprehensive exam.

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