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A vital course believed to be the first of its kind worldwide aimed at helping keep global veterinary workplaces safe from potentially deadly infections has been established by the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC).

*Veterinary Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control* is an innovative online course designed to provide veterinary staff with a broad understanding and introductory knowledge of assessing, planning and implementing infection prevention and control activities in their workplaces. It is facilitated by practising veterinarian Dr Angela Willemsen BVSc, University of Queensland, who is an experienced small animal veterinarian and passionate advocate for IPC in veterinary practice.

Learning modules covered on the 24-week course, which is suitable for all veterinary staff worldwide, include outbreak management, environmental hygiene, employee health, surveillance, antimicrobial stewardship, epidemiology and microbiology, among several other important topics. The course has a strong One Health focus.

“Infection prevention control is vital every workplace and veterinary workplaces are obviously no exception,” ACIPC President A/Prof Stéphane Bouchoucha said. “With the growing knowledge of issues such as the potential dangers of zoonotic disease and the effects of sub-standard animal husbandry, knowing about best practice infection prevention control practices in veterinary workplaces is now essential for veterinary practitioners everywhere.

“As far as ACIPC knows, this is the first course of its kind in the world aimed at addressing infection prevention control issues in a veterinary setting.

“As the peak body for infection prevention and control (IPC) professionals in the region, ACIPC is always looking for new ways to raise awareness of IPC, contribute to finding sustainable and long-term solutions to public health issues and help ensure practitioners are fully educated around all IPC issues. We are proud and delighted to present this course, which we believe is of great importance and interest to veterinary practitioners across the world.”

Running over approximately six months and totalling approximately 80-90 hours of study, the course is designed at AQF Level 8, equivalent to Graduate Certificate/Diploma level.

Including 11 modules, the course has been designed to fit around busy work commitments and schedules with its online curriculum.



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Scholarship opportunities are also available for the course, which starts on 1 March 2024. It is delivered in English.

“As with all ACIPC's courses, this course has been developed in collaboration with experts to ensure its content reflects current evidence and best practice recommendations,” A/Prof Bouchoucha said.

“It provides a valuable pathway for further learning and is an important resource for those wishing to pursue a career as a veterinary infection prevention control professional.”

ACIPC is the peak body for infection prevention and control professionals in the region. Its members are key practitioners and decision makers in the field of infection prevention and control and include nurses, aged care workers, industry professionals, scientists, academics, educators and policy makers.

For more in-depth information on the course, visit [www.acipc.org.au](http://www.acipc.org.au). For further questions, email [learning@acipc.org.au](mailto:learning@acipc.org.au).

