

WCSU CITI Training Requirements

Once you have established a CITI user name and password, and have chosen WCSU as your affiliation, you will be asked to join a “learner group”. Your choices are:

- Biomedical Research Investigators. This choice will primarily be for our biology and natural science faculty researchers and for medical researchers.
- Social & Behavioral Research Investigators. This choice will be most suitable for our faculty and graduate students in social sciences, humanities, education and related fields.
- Students conducting no more than minimal risk research. This will be the appropriate choice for most undergraduates doing course-related research. Those doing independent research or collaborating on faculty research will need to join one of the former learner groups.
- IRB Members. For members of the WCSU Institutional Review Board.

Once you join a learner group, you can begin to study the educational modules. Many of them require you to pass a short quiz at the end.

Please note that the WCSU IRB requires that only the **Basic/Refresher Course** be passed by the learner. All other learning modules are optional. You will be asked to select an option within the **Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Course** options, but the RCR modules are not required by the WCSU IRB.

The actual modules required in the Basic/Refresher Course for each learner group are as follows.

For Social Science Researchers

- Belmont Report and CITI Course Introduction
- Defining Research with Human Subjects – SBR
- The Regulations and Social and Behavioral Sciences – SBR
- Informed Consent – SBR
- Western CT State University

for students in the Ed.D. program

- Internet Research – SBR
- Research in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

For Biomedical Research Investigators

- Belmont Report and CITI Course Introduction
- Basic Institutional Review Board (IRB) regulations and review process
- Informed Consent
- Social and Behavioral Research for Biomedical Researchers (recommended)

For Students (minimal risk)

- Belmont Report and CITI Course Introduction
- Students in Research – SBR
- Internet Research – SBR (optional)

For IRB Members

- Belmont Report and CITI Course Introduction
- Basic Institutional Review Board (IRB) regulations and review process
- Defining Research with Human Subjects – SBR
- The Regulations and Social and Behavioral Sciences – SBR
- Informed Consent
- Students in Research – SBR
- Internet Research – SBR
- Research in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
- The IRB member module - “What every new IRB member needs to know”
- Western CT State University

The WCSU IRB office receives electronic notification when a learner has passed CITI training requirements.