

Education Requirement for Investigators and Study Personnel Involved with Human Subjects Research

The University of Kentucky's requirement for education in human subjects protection (HSP) was initially implemented in response to the National Institute of Health (NIH) and Veterans Administration (VA) requirements (effective with October 2000 awards) of training. Those agencies required training for all investigators and study personnel conducting research with human subjects on projects funded by these agencies prior to making an award.

Since 2000, accreditation agencies and other funding agencies have adopted policies which mandate institutions to require human research protection education for study personnel on *all* research projects regardless of funding source.

In December 2003, the University of Kentucky extended its current policy to require *all* investigators/study personnel conducting research involving human subjects, or data or biological specimens derived there from, to be trained in the protection of human subjects initially and complete refresher training every three years.

The requirement may be met by one of two (2) means:

- a) Successful completion of the Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) web-based human subjects' protection training program. [Instructions](#)
- b) Successful completion of the Dunn & Chadwick "Protecting Study Volunteers in Research" training book and web-based assessment and certification. [Instructions](#)

The successful completion of one of these two (2) initial training programs is required for all study personnel who are involved in Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications.

UK requires that researchers and research study personnel renew their Human Subjects Protection training every three years. You may also visit the Office of Research Integrity online at www.research.uky.edu/ori, click on Mandatory Education, and then click on Mandatory Education for New Study Personnel or Mandatory Education Renewal.

Study personnel not affiliated with the University of Kentucky, who have completed human subject protection training elsewhere may contact the UK Office of Research Integrity to determine if acceptable to meet the UK requirement.

For questions regarding the Human Subject Education requirement, please contact Helene Lake-Bullock in the Office of Research Integrity at hlbullo@uky.edu or ph: (859)257-9428.

Registration information for the CITI course is available at [CITI Instructions](#). Log onto the CITI website at www.citiprogram.org. For registration information for the Dunn & Chadwick exam on blackboard, please visit www.uky.edu/blackboard. All users for blackboard must have an active directory account. Instructions of how to obtain an account is listed on the blackboard website. You may also contact Crystal May in the Office of Research Integrity at cdmay1@email.uky.edu or ph: (859)257-9428 for further assistance.