Protection of Human Subjects in Research

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

Case Western Reserve University's Continuing Research Education Credit (CREC) Program provides investigators documented training in the protection of human subjects in research. The program is available to human subject researchers at University Hospital's Cleveland Medical Center, the MetroHealth System, Case Western Reserve University, Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic

The ONLY way to enter the Case Western Reserve University's CREC Program is through successful completion of the CITI Basic course. The Collaborative Institutional Training initiative (CITI) is a training service to which Case Western Reserve University subscribes. CITI provides comprehensive online educational programs in multiple areas including the protection of human subjects in research, the responsible conduct of research (RCR) and health information privacy.

Go to: https://www.citiprogram.org and create an account. Talk to your supervisor if you have questions or are unsure of the type of training that applies to your work.

Current Case CREC Program members must earn 12 credits every three years to maintain CREC certification.

Look up CREC status in SPIDERWEB (CWRU administration system)

You may access your CREC information through the SPIDERWEB database using a Case Network ID and password. To view your CREC information on Spiderweb, follow these instructions:

1. Go to Spiderweb (https://research.case.edu/spiderweb/)
2. Type in your Case Network ID and Password
3. Choose "COI/CREC Summary" from the left menu
4. View your personal CREC History
5. In the Search Box at the bottom of the page, type in any CREC program participants last name and view his/her certification status, expiration date and download his/her certificate.

How to get a Case Network ID

A Case Network ID is required, however, to access the Spiderweb database and your CREC account information.

CREC program participants who are not Case employees but have a compelling reason to access Spiderweb can obtain a Case Network ID if sponsored by a Case faculty or staff member. Please provide the following link to your sponsor so he or she may apply for an "Affiliate Account" for you: https://its-services.case.edu/my-case-identity/activate/.

If you need assistance Contact the UH Office of Research Compliance at 216-286-2283 or Carrie.O'Neill@UHhospitals.org.

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