

# CENTER FOR RESEARCH MADONNA UNIVERSITY

## Research Integrity Training

### Introduction

Madonna University is committed to maintaining the highest-level practice in the ethical conduct of research. The *Institutional Review Board* comprised of university faculty and external experts oversees the human subject research conducted by Madonna University faculty, staff and students. Faculty, staff and students conducting research are required to attain Research Integrity Training certification and complete an IRB application prior to conducting research.

### Research Integrity Training

Madonna University (MU) now offers free **Research Integrity Training (RIT)** for faculty, staff and students through our institutional subscription to the **CITI** program (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative).

The **CITI program** is a collaboration among many universities and colleges to provide research education. CITI's goal in research education is *"to promote the public's trust in the research enterprise by providing high quality, peer reviewed, web based, research education materials to enhance the integrity and professionalism of investigators and staff conducting research"*. **CITI**

The CITI program has numerous training modules for research education. Madonna University has identified two groups for training: 1) Faculty, staff and student researchers; and 2) IRB Committee Members. Each group has **required** and optional courses and modules. All **faculty, staff and students** are required to take the **Human Subjects Research: Research Integrity Training** course. Members of the IRB committee are required to complete the **Training for IRB Committee Members** course.

To successfully complete CITI training you must complete all required modules listed for your group. You are welcome to enroll in additional elective courses and training modules to enhance your knowledge in research.

### Getting Started

1. You will need to enroll/register in the CITI program. You may access the CITI program from the **Center for Research** webpage at: <https://www.madonna.edu/academics/research/> or <https://www.citiprogram.org/>
2. Go to "Register" on the upper right hand side to establish your institutional profile.
3. Select "Madonna University" for your organizational affiliation.
4. Complete the registration process. Use your Madonna University email address when registering.
5. Choose your "learner group" 1) Faculty, staff or student researchers; or 2) IRB committee member.
6. Select Curriculum by choosing the option that applies to you in Question 1. If you choose to also select **Optional Courses**, Question 2 will generate and list optional courses for you to choose. Answering these question(s), will load your courses. You can add or remove courses at any time.
7. Complete required modules and quizzes.
8. Complete any supplemental modules you desire.

## Satisfactory Completion

1. The minimum passing score for each module is 80%. You can re-take module quizzes as many times as needed to achieve the passing score.
2. A course completion certificate can be printed after completing the course.
3. Re-certification in RIT is required every 3 years. Notification will be sent to you, at your registered email account, when it is time to take the refresher course.

## About the Courses

### **Human Subjects Research: Research Integrity Training (required course for faculty, staff and student research)**

Provides 11 modules that review norms, principles and regulations governing Human Subjects research.

### **Training for IRB Committee Members (Required for IRB committee members)**

Provides 1 required and 7 elective modules, including 1 module for IRB Chair, to equip IRB committee members with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct Human Subjects review.

### **Optional Courses:**

#### **Academic Integrity & Professional Ethics (optional)**

Provides 1 required and 8 elective modules covering a variety of topics in research, ethical conduct and professional standards.

#### **Conflicts of Interest (optional)**

Provides 2 required and 2 elective modules covering institutional, financial, and investigator responsibilities as they relate to research.

#### **Information Privacy and Security (optional)**

Provides 1 required and 9 elective modules covering basic elements of data privacy and security techniques.

#### **Public Health & Community Research (optional)**

Provides 1 required and 7 elective modules covering foundational elements of public health research, working with communities, ethical considerations and issues of Big Data research.

#### **Supplemental Training for Human Subjects Research (optional)**

Provides 1 required and 23 supplemental modules on research foundations, contemporary topics and special considerations in research.

## Questions

CITI Support Center – CITI has an extensive knowledge support base with FAQs located at <https://support.citiprogram.org/> or you may reach them by phone at 888-529-5929 or via e-mail at [support@citiprogram.org](mailto:support@citiprogram.org).

If you have questions or difficulty registering, please contact Donna Bryden at [dbryden@madonna.edu](mailto:dbryden@madonna.edu) or 734-432-5666.