Research Training Requirements

To fulfill the human subjects research training requirements, the training will need to be performed in three separate research training systems, which can be found here:

http://www.maryland.research.va.gov/training/human_subject_trng.asp

Please contact Norma Wharton, the central training coordinator, from the MIRECC for instructions on how to access the training systems and for the specific courses that will be required. In an effort to minimize the number of training requests that you are asked to perform, Ms. Wharton maintains your training records in a centralized training file system and database. She coordinates with the other training coordinators to update the training certificates from the various sections and the VAMHCS Research and Development Office. You will be reminded of annual research training courses by Ms. Wharton or one of the other training coordinators affiliated with the other departments that come under the MIRECC Office. You may email or deliver your training certificates to Ms. Wharton. Her mailbox is located in the MIRECC Office. Listed below are the three training systems used to complete research training.

1. CITI Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative

This training system is an outside training system that both the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the Veterans Affairs Department has a membership subscription. This service provides research ethics education to research members, and you must be affiliated with a CITI participating organization. The instructions for affiliating with the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the Veterans Affairs are similar, but each require that the other institution be linked in order to fulfill the Veterans Affairs Research and Development Office training requirements for VA Good Clinical Practice and Human Subjects Protections training requirements.

2. University of Maryland

This training system is another training system that both the University of Maryland at Baltimore Office of Research and Development (UMAB ORD) and the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System Research and Development Office (VAMHCS R&D) use to fulfill human research subjects training requirements. The VAMHCS R & D has a contractual arrangement with the UMAB ORD to have the University of Maryland at Baltimore Institutional Review Board (UMAB IRB) dually review all research studies conducted at the VAMHCS R& D. For this reason additional research training requirements are required to be completed to fulfill University of Maryland at Baltimore Office of Research and Development training requirements.

3. Veterans Affairs Learning Management System (VA LMS)

The VA LMS Training System is the Veterans Affairs nationwide training system. This training system will be used to fulfill both general Veterans Affairs training requirements and human research subjects training requirements. Some staff (employed with the VA will need to complete both types of training), while other staff (Work Without Compensation staff (WOC), Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA), students, externs, post doctoral fellows, and psychology interns) may only need to complete the research training requirements using the VA LMS Training System.

> **NOTE:**
> - If you are a VA employee, (also Post Doc Fellow) you will receive access to the VA LMS Training System during employee orientation.
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> - If you are a WOC, IPA, extern, or student please contact Norma Wharton to obtain a VA LMS Training System access form to be able to have access to the VA LMS Training System.
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> - If you are a psychology intern, please contact your training advisor, Deborah Medoff, PhD.