

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY CREC PROGRAM

Welcome to the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) Continuing Research Education Credit (CREC) Program. This program provides free documented training in the protection of human subjects' research conducted at CWRU, MetroHealth System (MHS), and University Hospitals (UH). Review the options below then answer the enrollment questions applicable to you.

Option 1: I need the initial core training for the CREC Program certificate to begin research.

- Review "Question 1" - Select and complete **one course** relevant to your discipline or research area.

Option 2: I need to obtain credits to renew my CREC certification.

- Review "Question 2" - Select and complete the courses that you need to obtain 12 credits.

Option 3: I need to [affiliate and transfer prior CITI training](#).

Important to Remember

- Complete all the required modules with a score of 85% or better.
- The CREC Team receives notification of all completed courses from CITI.
- Your CREC account will be set up within 24 -48 hours (business days).
- [Review instructions to add a course in CITI](#).
- To download a CITI completion report: (top page menu) select "Records and View-Print-Share".
- The email address in CITI and SpartaIRB must be the same to link CREC/CITI training.
- Completion of CREC does **not** create a SpartaIRB account. Request a [new SpartaIRB account](#).
- Everyone involved in a clinical trial funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), **must** complete Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training **every 3 years**. Refer to "Question 3".
- All National Science Foundation (NSF) trainees **must** complete Responsible Conduct of Research training at **each career stage** (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral). Refer to "Question 5".
- All **clinical trial** researchers listed on an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) protocol using recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid (r/sNA) molecules **must** complete the Human Gene Transfer course **every year** and the NIH Recombinant DNA Guidelines course **every 3-years**. Refer to "Question 4".

For questions or more information contact:

CREC Team: crec@case.edu or review the CREC website: <https://case.edu/research/faculty-staff/education-and-training/continuing-research-education-credit-crec>

CWRU IRB: cwru-irb@case.edu or review the CWRU IRB website: <https://case.edu/research/faculty-staff/compliance/institutional-review-board-cwru-irb>

MHS IRB: <https://irb.metrohealth.org/eIRB>

UH IRB: UHIRB@UHhospitals.org or review the UH IRB website: <https://www.uhhospitals.org/uh-research/for-researchers/research-and-clinical-trials/core-offices/institutional-review-board/>