

All students are required to complete the CITI module/s that are relevant to their research prior to beginning the practicum.

There are three sets of training modules designed for:

- Social and behavioral researchers
- Biomedical researchers
- IRB members (does not apply to students)

In order to fulfill the requirement, students must complete either the *Social and Behavioral Researchers* module or the *Biomedical Researchers* module. Most SPHHS students will be solely engaged in social and behavioral research while at GWU, however, others may be involved in biomedical research. Thus, it is important to complete the modules that are relevant to one's particular research.

The term "**Biomedical research**" includes both studies designed primarily to increase the scientific base of information about normal or abnormal physiology and development and studies primarily intended to evaluate the safety, effectiveness or usefulness of a medical product, procedure, or intervention.

The terms "**behavioral research**" or "**the behavioral sciences**" may be used to refer either to studies of the behavior of individuals, or to studies of the behavior of aggregates such as groups, organizations, or societies. The broad objective of the behavioral and social sciences is similar to that of the biomedical sciences: to establish a body of demonstrable, replicable facts and theory that contributes to knowledge and to the amelioration of human problems.

To get started:

1. Go to www.citiprogram.org
2. Click: Register for the CITI course
3. Select Institution (GWU is under All Others, a drop-down list)
4. Create a new username and password.
5. Enter your contact information

The amount of time it will take to complete the relevant CITI modules depends on the type of research conducted, the user's interest in pursuing linked sites, and other factors. The Office of Human Research has provided a breakdown of each module as well as estimated completion times. This can be accessed at: http://www.gwumc.edu/research/human/citi_chart.pdf.

If you have questions about GWU's CITI Human Research Training requirement, please contact the Office of Human Research: ohrirb@gwumc.edu or 202-994-2715 or visit their FAQs page: http://www.gwumc.edu/research/human/citi_faq.html.