What animal training do I need to complete before I can work with animals?

It depends. First, create a CITI account. The instructions are below.

All animal users need to complete:
- Working with the IACUC - Investigators, Staff & Students
- Minimizing Pain & Distress

Your PI will advise which animals/procedures you will work with. Take the appropriate courses:
- Working with Mice
- Working with Rats
- Working with Frogs
- Working with Swine
- Aseptic Surgery
- Antibody Production

Select any optional courses of interest.

Instructions to create a CITI account.

Go to https://www.citiprogram.org/
Create an account in [Register] or login with your current [Username] and [Password].

Search for organization: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Continue Steps 2 - 7 then [Complete Registration]

On Step 7, select © Not at this time for: Human Subjects Research, Responsible Conduct of Research, Institutional/Signatory Officials, Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC), Good Clinical Practice (GCP), Biosafety/Biosecurity, Clinical Trial Billing Compliance (CTBC), Public Health Research, and Revised Common Rule.

On Step 7, Question 4, Laboratory Animal Research, select the following:
☑ Working with the IACUC Course (for the Investigators, Staff & Students course)
☑ Minimizing Pain and Distress
☑ I work with __any other species or procedure__ (ask your PI)

By federal law, training must be completed before PI’s Amendment submission is approved, and before you can work with animals. The IACUC will notify your PI in writing when you can begin working with animals.

Three years after course completions, CITI sends notices to redo courses. The IACUC does not require recompletions.
Go to [www.citiprogram.org](http://www.citiprogram.org). Click **Register**.

The organization is Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Agree to the ☑ Terms and ☑ affirm, then **Continue to Create your CITI Username/Password**.
Create your Username and Password

* Indicates a required field.

Your username should consist of 4 to 50 characters. Your username is not case sensitive; "A12B34CD" is the same as "a12b34cd". Once created, your username will be part of the completion report.

* User Name

msmith

Your password should consist of 8 to 50 characters. Your password IS case sensitive; "A12B34CD" is not the same as "a12b34cd".

* Password

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* Verify Password

******

Please choose a security question and provide an answer that you will remember. NOTE: If you forget your login information, you will have to provide this answer to the security question in order to access your account.

* Security Question

What's your pet's name?

* Security Answer

teddy

Continue To Step 4

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* Country of Residence

Search for country: Enter full or partial name (e.g., "United States") OR your country's two or three character abbreviation (e.g., "US", "USA"), then pick from the list of choices provided.

United States

* May we contact you to provide information about other courses and services after you complete your CITI Program coursework? ☐

☐ Yes

☐ No

Continue To Step 5
Are you interested in the option of receiving Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit for completed CITI Program courses?

CITI is pleased to offer CE credits and units for purchase to learners qualifying for CE eligibility while concurrently meeting their institutions training requirements.

CE credits/units for physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers and other professions allowed to use AMA PRA Category 1 credits for re-certification are available for many CITI courses – with that availability indicated on course and module listings. Please register your interest for CE credits below by checking the "YES" or "NO" dots, and, when applicable, types of credits you wish to earn at bottom of page. Please read texts entered for each option carefully.

**Yes**

At the start of your course, you will be prompted to click on a "CE Information" page link located at the top of your grade book and to VIEW and ACKNOWLEDGE accreditation and credit designation statements, learning objectives, faculty disclosures, types, number and costs of credits available for your course.

**No**

The CE functionality will not be activated for your course. Credits and units will therefore not be available to you for purchase after you start your course. You can change your preference to "YES" before such time however by clicking on the "CE Credit Status" tab located at the top of your grade book page.

If you picked "YES", please check below the one type of credit you would like to earn

- MDs, DOs, PAs - AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM
- Psychologists - APA Credits
- Nurses - ANCC CNE
- Other Participants – Certificates of Participation
- Social Workers – Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

Continue To Step 6
Select Curriculum

* Indicates a required field.

You will be provided a series of enrollment questions. Your responses will determine the curriculum for the courses you are going to take. Please read the questions carefully. Please read the responses carefully to make the best choice.

Click [here](#) to review the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center instructions page.

* Question 1

**Human Subjects Research**
Select the group appropriate to your research activities.

Choose one answer:

- Biomedical Investigator Course: Research Investigators, Research Personnel, and IRB members
- Not at this time.

Question 2

Select the group for which you have previously completed an institutionally approved Basic Course in the Protection of Human Research Subjects.

Choose one answer:

- Biomedical Investigator Course: Research Investigators, Research Personnel, and IRB members
- I have not previously completed an approved Basic Course.

Question 3

**Responsible Conduct of Research**
Please make your selection below to receive the courses in the Responsible Conduct of Research.

Choose one answer:

- Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research Course
- Not at this time.
Laboratory Animal Research

Do you conduct studies that use Lab animals?
1. IF YES, then you must complete the Basic course and the appropriate species specific modules.

2. If you are an IACUC Member you should complete the “Essentials for IACUC Members”.

3. Choose the appropriate species specific electives according to your research interests.

Choose all that apply

- Working with the IACUC Course is required if you plan to use lab animals in your work.
- If you are an IACUC Member you are required to complete the “Essentials for IACUC Members” course now.

Choose the appropriate species specific electives depending on your work or interests.

- IACUC Community Member
- Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM)
- Antibody Production
- If you are planning to do aseptic surgery on animals, you may want to complete the “Aseptic Surgery” course now. Your Institution may require this.
- If you plan to conduct studies that have the potential to cause “more than momentary pain and distress” in Mice or Rats you should complete the module on “Minimizing Pain and Distress”.
- I work with Mice. Family: Muridae Cricetidae
- I work with Rats. Genus: Rattus
- I work with Frogs, Toads or other Amphibians
- I work with Hamsters. Family: Muridae
- I work with Gerbils
- I work with Guinea Pigs
- Working With Ferrets in Research Settings
- I work with Rabbits. Family: Leporidae
- I work with Fish
- I work with Zebrafish: Danio rerio
- I work with Cats
- I work with Dogs
- I work with Swine
- I work with Non-Human Primates (NHP)
- Working With Animals In Biomedical Research - Refresher Course
- IACUC Member Refresher Case Studies
Question 5

Institutional/Signatory Officials
Please make your selection below if you wish to be enrolled in an Institutional/Signatory Officials course.
Choose all that apply
- Institutional/Signatory Official: Human Subject Research
- Institutional Official: Animal Care and Use
- Not at this time.

Question 6

Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)
Please make your selection below to enroll in the Clinical Research Coordinator course.

Note: It is highly recommended that learners complete a basic level HSR and GCP ICH course prior to taking the CRC course.
Choose one answer
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)
- Not at this time.

Question 7

Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Please make the appropriate selection if you are required to complete the Good Clinical Practice (GCP) course.
Choose one answer
- Good Clinical Practice Course, US FDA Focus
- Not at this time.

Question 8

Biosafety/Biosecurity
Please make your selection(s) below to enroll the Biosafety/Biosecurity Course.
Choose all that apply
- Initial Biosafety Training
- IBC Member Training
- NIH Recombinant DNA Guidelines
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens
- Shipping & Transport of Regulated Biological Materials
- Biosafety Retraining
- Not at this time.

Question 9

Clinical Trial Billing Compliance (CTBC)
Please make your selection below to enroll in the Clinical Trial Billing Compliance (CTBC) course.
Choose one answer
- Clinical Trial Billing Compliance (CTBC)
- Not at this time.
Question 11

Public Health Research
Please make your selection below if you wish to be enrolled in the Public Health Research course.

Choose one answer
- Public Health Research
- Not at this time.

Question 12

Revised Common Rule
Please make your selection below if you wish to be enrolled in the Revised Common Rule course.

Choose one answer
- Revised Common Rule
- Not at this time.

Complete Registration

CITI - Learner Registration
Welcome to the CITI Program. Your registration with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is complete.

Finalize Registration

Your registration has been completed successfully.

Institutional Courses

Institutional Courses are available to learners who have an affiliation with one or more subscribing institutions. If an institution with which you are affiliated is not listed, you may want to add an affiliation. If you are no longer associated with a listed institution, you may want to remove an affiliation.

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Courses Ready to Begin

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Investigators, Staff and Students
Stage 1 - Working with IACUC

0 / 9 modules completed

Start Now

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Reducing Pain and Distress in Laboratory Mice and Rats
Stage 1 - Reducing Pain/Distress

0 / 14 modules completed

Start Now