

December 17, 2021

RE: NEW TCPS 2 COURSE ON RESEARCH ETHICS (CORE) TUTORIAL LAUNCHING JANUARY 2022

Hello Colleagues,

A new version of the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2: Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2 : CORE) is launching by January 17, 2022, entitled TCPS2 : CORE-2022.

The new modules are designed to reflect the current TCPS2 2018 policy and enhance learning for researchers

- Each module has 4-5 specific questions for users, followed by a 25 question knowledge consolidation exercise
- This self-paced course will take approximately four (4) hours to complete

Have you started the current version of the CORE course?

- If you have recently started the current course, *you have until December 31, 2021 to complete it.*
- If you do not complete your current tutorial before December 31, 2021, *you will have to start the new course available January 17th, 2022.*
- Reminder: the current course does not contain the new material that will be presented in TCPS 2 : CORE-2022.

REQUIREMENTS:

To ensure training is up to date, all Island Health researchers and study team members, who engage in research with human participants, are required to complete the new TCPS 2: CORE-2022 tutorial by July 1, 2022.

Information on how to access the new TCPS 2: CORE-2022 tutorial will be provided in January 2022.

For more information from the Secretariat, please see below:

The Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research (the Secretariat) wants to inform the research community that the current *Tri-Council Policy Statement 2: Course on Research Ethics* (TCPS 2: CORE) will soon be replaced by a new version – **TCPS 2: CORE-2022**. The latter will refer exclusively to the TCPS 2 and will focus on ethics guidance that is applicable to all research involving human participants, regardless of discipline or methodology.

CORE-2022 will consist of nine modules and a knowledge consolidation exercise:

- Module A1 – Introduction
- Module A2 – Scope of TCPS 2
- Module A3 – Risks and Benefits
- Module A4 – Consent
- Module A5 – Fairness and Equity
- Module A6 – Privacy and Confidentiality
- Module A7 – Conflicts of Interest
- Module A8 – Research Ethics Board Review
- Module A9 – Research Involving Indigenous Peoples
- Knowledge Consolidation Exercise

Each module will include 4-5 quiz questions. These questions will provide users with an opportunity to test their knowledge as they progress through the modules. In addition, the new version will include a knowledge consolidation exercise (KCE) consisting of 25 multiple-choice questions. A CORE-2022 Certificate of Completion will be issued to users following the successful completion of the KCE. The new course will be self-paced and should take approximately 4 hours to complete. It will be possible for users to complete the course over multiple sessions by saving their progress and resuming later. CORE-2022 will be compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 (WCAG 2.0) to ensure accessibility for all users.

Migration to CORE-2022 will take place during the week of January 10, 2022. Access to existing CORE registration and course completion information by users and institutions will continue, albeit through CORE-2022's database. However, there will be no transition period during which both versions are available. Therefore, the Secretariat advises anyone who has started the current version of the course, but has not completed it, to do so by December 31, 2021. This is to avoid losing your progress in the current version.

We encourage you to share this message broadly within your networks. Questions related to the upcoming migration to CORE-2022 should be directed to the Secretariat at secretariat@srcr-scrs.gc.ca.

For questions, please contact: Manager, Research Ethics & Compliance, E. Sarah Bennett at Elizabeth.Bennett@islandhealth.ca

Thank you,

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