

Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Office Notification

The Basics of Health Research Ethics - Hybrid Training

Dear Staff and Post-graduate students

Following the promulgation of the Ethics in Health Research: Principles, Processes and Structures guideline document (2024), it has become a requirement for all researchers applying for ethical approval to provide proof of formal assessed training in research ethics within a three-year cycle. When undertaking the ethics application process via the **North-West University Health Research Ethics Committee (NWU-HREC)**, the letter of attendance and assessment from the training course entitled, "The Basics of Health Research Ethics" (as indicated below), will be sufficient proof of ethics training. Proof of ethics training from other appropriate online courses will also suffice if you are unable to register for the aforementioned training.

For information regarding the **TRREE** online training, please visit our web page: <http://health-sciences.nwu.ac.za/healthethics/training>

The Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Office for Research, Training, and Support will provide the course in a **hybrid format**. This course will be presented twice this year (*once in each semester*) and will cater for attendance from all three campuses. It is requested that all staff and postgraduate students please make use of either of these opportunities.

The format of the "The Basics of Health Research Ethics" training course will be as follows:

- After registering for the course, delegates will be furnished with a link to access the online course material
- Delegates will be given a month to work through this material
- Following this period, there will be two contact sessions arranged via an online platform, during which delegates will be able to interact with the presenters, on the course material.
- Delegates must attend only one of these contact sessions, after which they will receive a link to the assessment, which will have to be completed within the next week.
- The course, itself, will then be assessed by an online multiple-choice test, on the Efundi platform, which delegates will have to pass to obtain the letter of attendance and assessment.

The "Basics of Research Integrity and Health Research Ethics" training course will occur as follows:

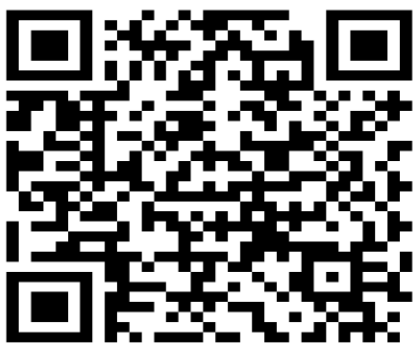
The Basics of Health Research Ethics – (All Campuses)
(For researchers doing research with human participants)

Access to online presentations	8 th August – 8 th September 2025
Contact sessions (Hybrid)	9 th September 2025 (09:00 – 13: 00)
	15 th September 2025 (09:00 – 13: 00)
Venue	Hybrid format (Venue for physical attendance will be indicated in the contact sessions appointments)
Assessment period	20 th September 2025 – 11 th October 2025

(One of the contact sessions must be attended in full to obtain the letter of attendance. Venue for physical attendance will be indicated in the contact sessions appointments.)

Presenters: Prof Minrie Greeff and Prof Wayne Towers

Please register by 7th August 2025, by completing the registration form. Scan the QR code or use the link to register. Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/R3X52EjjEa?origin=lprLink>



Please register well in advance to allow all administrative processes to be completed before the training commences.

For any further information, please email Mr Nasiep Kruger at Nasiep.Kruger@nwu.ac.za or call 018 299 4891 for more information.

Kind Regards,

Head of the Health Science Ethics Office for Research, Training and Support

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