

**RCR Plan for Online Master of Science in Food Safety,  
College of Veterinary Medicine**

In order to comply with the MSU requirements for incorporating the Master's Plan B Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training into the MS in Food Safety Curriculum the following elements must be completed by every student.

Four required CITI modules (Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research, Authorship, Plagiarism, and Research Misconduct) are part of VM 810 Introduction to Food Safety course. This course is the first course students are required to take, thus fulfilling the requirement that the CITI Modules be completed in the first year. Students will be required to provide documentation of their successful completion (a score of 80% or higher) of the courses to the course instructor.

The six hours of discussion-based training is incorporated into VM 830 Food Safety Research Methods. This course is taken before students complete their VM 815 Applied Research Project course. Six instructor-led discussion forums are part of VM 830. The following topics are covered: Authorship and Publication, Peer Review, Plagiarism, Data Management, Collaborative Research, Research Misconduct. Instructors will pose questions to the students, who will respond to the instructor and respond to others student posts. Instructors will guide the discussion and respond as needed. Participation in each discussion is required.

The completion of the RCR training will be recorded in Campus Solutions. The program's academic advisors will verify completion when processing degree conferral paperwork.

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