

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Training of Personnel Using Animals</b>
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<b>Responsible Department:</b>	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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<b>Legislation:</b>	Animal Welfare Act (Title 9 CFR Subchapter A, Part 2, Subpart C, § 2.31(d)(viii))

**Purpose of Policy:** To ensure that all persons at Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) using animals in teaching or research or persons responsible for the husbandry of such animals are properly trained in handling these animals and are aware of the associated health risks that working with or around research animals may present.

**Policy Information:** The [Animal Welfare Act](#) states that “Personnel conducting procedures on the species being maintained or studied will be appropriately qualified and trained in those procedures”. [Public Health Service Policy](#) and the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) require that personnel be properly trained in performing procedures on live animals. The [Guide](#) also states that “Each institution must establish and maintain an occupational health and safety program (OHSP) as an essential part of the overall Program of animal care and use”.

WesternU requires that all personnel, including visiting personnel, who work with or around research animals, their tissues, body fluids or wastes or who are exposed to their allergens are properly trained in the handling of such animals and in the associated health risks that working with or around research animals may present.

#### Policies:

- Persons working in any WesternU owned or operated vivarium must successfully complete the on-line IACUC 101 training course titled Barrier Facility located on [eLearning](#). Once there, you will need a user name and password to enter the site. Contact Tech Support at 469-5432 for assistance.

- Persons working with laboratory **mice or rats** must also successfully complete the on-line IACUC 101 training course titled Use of Mice in Research or Use of Rats in Research, respectively. Both courses may be taken if so desired. The courses are located on [eLearning](#). Follow the instruction given above.
- Students who have animal contact as an educational requirement of their degree program need **not** complete the training described above but may only work with animals under the direct supervision of a properly qualified and trained instructor.
- Persons working with **non-USDA-covered species** other than mice or rats may request species-specific training from their campus Attending Veterinarian. Persons working with **USDA-covered species**, must consult with the Attending Veterinarian for species-specific training.
- Enrollment in the Occupational Health and Safety Program for Personnel Working with or Around Laboratory Animals is mandatory for all persons who have contact with laboratory animals or wildlife, their tissues, body fluids or wastes or who are exposed to animal allergens on a regular basis.

**Related Policies:** IACUC Policy No. 2014-039, Occupational Health and Safety Program; IACUC Policy No. 2014-040, Occupational Health and Safety Policy for Visitors