

To: All Staff, Researchers

From: Research Ethics & Authorization Office

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RE: TCPS 2: CORE-2022 (Course on Research Ethics)

Beginning **September 1st, 2023**, the Research Ethics & Authorization Office will no longer accept TCPS 2 certificates dated 2021 and earlier with new application submissions. In order to be compliant, TCPS 2 certificates will need to be dated 2022 or later to align with the most recent version of the TCPS 2 Course on Research Ethics, CORE-2022.

The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2) provides ethics guidance that applies to all research involving human participants – including their data and/or biological materials – conducted under the auspices of an institution eligible for funding by the federal Agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC). The online tutorial CORE-2022 (Course on Research Ethics) is an introduction to the TCPS 2 for the research community. It focuses on the TCPS 2 ethics guidance that is applicable to all research involving human participants, regardless of discipline or methodology.

Completing CORE-2022 should take approximately 4 hours. The course is self-paced. It is therefore possible to complete the different modules over multiple sessions. You can access and complete the online course here: <https://tcps2core.ca/welcome>

After September 1st, 2023, all applications for new research submitted to the Research Ethics & Authorization Office will need to include up-to-date TCPS 2 certificates for all study team members before qualifying for Research Ethics Board and/or Institutional Approval. Researchers involved with ongoing studies approved prior to the September 1st, 2023 cut-off date are also encouraged to complete the tutorial if they have not already done so.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Research Ethics & Authorization office at TBRHSC.Research@tbh.net or 807-684-6359.