



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Colleagues,

In response to your pleas to improve on-line training at UCSF, we now offer revised trainings for animal and laboratory personnel. **Highlights of the many positive changes we have implemented include:**

Both **Basic Ethical & Regulatory Requirements (BRER)** courses: BRER I & BRER II, have been updated & streamlined. BRER I has been reduced from about 100 slides to approximately 30, and BRER II has been reduced from 47 slides to 27 slides.

- Test-out options are now available for everyone. If you successfully complete the BRER course test-out, you will be credited with course completion and not be required to complete the tutorial(s).
- The course structures and content have been updated and revitalized to better reflect the most current regulatory requirements; much of the lengthy text has been replaced with instructional graphics and video which demonstrate rather than explain standards and best practices.

Coming soon are similar revisions in these courses:

- Revised Hands-On Basic Mouse and Rat course
- A more streamlined Facility Orientation process

Environmental Health and Safety on-line trainings including:

- Office Safety
- Safe Lifting
- Laboratory Safety for Researchers
- Fume Hood
- Hazardous Waste Management
- Biosafety Level 2
- and Animal Biosafety Level 1 and Animal Biosafety Level 2

*have now been **consolidated into just three** improved training modules:*

- Laboratory Safety for Researchers Training (LSR)
- Office Safety Training
- Biosafety Training

and are conveniently located in the [Learning Management System](#)

The improved on-line trainings no longer have mandatory audio; test takers can now skip through content that they are familiar with and may test-out at any point during the training. These improvements should significantly reduce the time it takes to complete these legally required trainings. All other EH&S trainings will be moved into the Learning Management System by the end of the year after we similarly improve the training experience of these modules. In the meantime, other EH&S trainings can still be accessed in [Research Online](#). *Note: Most Individuals are now current with these revised trainings and should not complete new modules unless notified by EH&S or their Supervisor.*

We hope you will be pleased with the new and improved tutorials and test-out option and look forward to providing more course improvements soon. Please send your feedback on the BRER courses to IACUC via linda.brovarney@ucsf.edu; for the EH&S courses send to robert.eaton@ucsf.edu

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