



Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program

SCR-106 International Collaboration

Course Description

International collaboration in scientific research is the process by which scientists in two or more countries collaborate to carry out research of mutual interest. This course is designed to summarize the issues that are likely to be faced by decision makers in both developed and developing countries when handling potential collaborative projects as well as outline the relevant ethical issues and institutional government policies that need consideration.

SRNT reviewers selected many of the materials for this course from a set of existing English language resources that are freely available on the Internet. Note that these pre-existing materials were not developed by SRNT. Some of the materials are portions of existing online courses addressing other topics. Included in the Optional Course Materials section are additional resources specific to tobacco and nicotine research.

The content covered by core course materials should be sufficient to complete the quiz for this course. However, those who are curious or desire greater continuity of presentation may wish to explore other modules via links to the optional materials provided towards the bottom of the menu on the left.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners should be able to:

1. List some advantages of collaboration.
2. Identify expertise needed for collaborative research.
3. Identify potential collaborators.
4. Recognize the importance of mutual benefit for all collaborators.
5. Understand the importance of communicating expectations, roles and responsibilities before beginning the project.
6. Understand the role of mentoring in collaboration.
7. Recognize the importance of local knowledge, customs and connections in collaborative research.
8. List approaches to finding commonalities and mutual interests in collaborations.
9. Understand how to recognize and work with cultural differences within collaborations.
10. Recognize the warning signs of common problems resulting in failed collaborations.



Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program Developed by Member Volunteers

SRNT's Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program was developed to train professionals working in tobacco dependence treatment how to access, understand, and incorporate existing research into their daily jobs; how to undertake practical research studies; and how to document and publish their results. The program was designed to complement training offered by other organizations, and is not meant to take the place of university-based research training.

This course is one in a series of ten courses that make up the SRNT University Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program:

1. Tobacco Background
2. Scientific Journals and Literature Access
3. Literature Synthesis and Review
4. Identifying a Meaningful Research Question
5. Introduction to Study Design
- 6. International Collaboration**
7. Ethics, Safety and Adverse events
8. Data Collection and Management
9. Introduction to Data Analysis
10. Presenting to a Scientific/Clinical Audience

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