

The Difference Between IRB and Research

IRB	Research
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a structure already in place for research approval if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FVTC conducts very limited federally funded research as does a research university (not to be confused with federally funded grants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meant to regulate external research conducted by research and other universities to include biological and social sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most FVTC research is conducted by staff/students of FVTC or WTCS pursuing advanced degrees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers all types of research including exempt and non-exempt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All research conducted to date has been deemed “exempt” #1, #2, or #3.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research includes both expedited (IRB Chair approval) and Full Board Review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All research conducted to date has been approved by expedited review and reported to the IRB after the fact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most colleges and universities that FVTC staff enroll in have an active IRB which requires research approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most research for Masters Theses and Doctoral Dissertations are already approved by the PI’s college or university IRB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Rule approval requires IRB registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Policy only does not require registration in the Federal IRB system
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in the protection of human research participants is strongly recommended every three years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in the protection of human research participants is optional but covers extensive content knowledge well beyond what is typically needed for FVTC research human subjects protection. (Exempt minimal risk surveys, interviews, data review, etc.)