

Steps for Conducting Research in Native Communities (NACE, n.d.)

- Get to know the tribal communities and establish relationships.
- Attend meetings and gatherings as a means to develop an appreciation for the history and culture of the tribe.
- Get a clear understanding of the historical trauma experienced by the tribe.
- Demonstrate respect for the community and its indigenous expertise through a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Hire members of the community to serve as consultants on various aspects of the research, such as data collection.
- A tribe's schedule for tribal ceremonies or tribal rituals should be accommodated.
- Appreciate the Native community's strengths, assets and challenges.
- Engage the community in the partnership with respect to tribal culture, language, and values.
- Be transparent.
- Undergo tribal and Institutional Review Board (IRB) review and approval.
- Respect the privacy of the tribal community.
- Employ blended research methods that include "indigenous ways of knowing."
- Limit scope of research to focus of questions only.
- Data sources, measures, and collection of information should be fully discussed with the tribe.
- Discuss intellectual and cultural property rights of the information including tribal data ownership.
- Keep the community fully informed as the study progresses and recognize contributions of community members.
- Study findings should be discussed with tribal leadership first.
- Have tribal leaders and key community members review all abstracts, reports and publications.
- Jointly determine how study results will be presented to the community and public.
- Consider sharing the results of the study in a public open community forum.
- Acknowledge and give credit to the community for the scientific results from the study.
- As applicable, consider including key community members as co-authors who participate in writing reports and publications.
- Discuss with the tribal community how they want to be recognized in publications and reports.
- Assist the tribal community in how to address findings of the research.
- Discuss with the tribe the storage and/or destruction of data, especially duration and access.
- Discuss with the tribe any next steps.

Tribal Priority

Capacity
Building

Indigenous
Ways of
Knowing

Data
Ownership

Credit to
Community

Community
Open
Forum