



Consent for Research Participation

Study Title: Disability and Disability-competent Care in Social Work Field Education
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You are being invited to take part in a research study conducted by the researchers named above. Below is detailed information for you to consider when determining whether or not to participate. Carefully consider all of this information and ask any questions you may have about it before deciding whether to participate or not.

Key Information for You to Consider

- **Voluntary Consent:** You are being asked to volunteer for a research study. It is your choice whether to participate or not. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled if you choose not to participate or to discontinue participation.
- **Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to explore disability in the context of social work field education, including: (1) field placements within the field of disability; (2) accommodation of students with disabilities in field education; and, (3) accommodation of field instructors and liaisons with disabilities. Findings from this study will inform our understanding of how the signature pedagogy of social work education contributes to an inclusive and equitable learning environment and prepares the future generation of the profession for disability-competent care. You are being invited to participate in this survey because you are currently serving as a field director for an accredited social work program, who is also 18 years or older. It is expected that approximately 150 individuals will be participating in this survey.
- **Procedures and Activities:** You will be asked to complete a brief Qualtrics survey that includes open- and closed-ended questions about your experiences and knowledge as a field director, particularly as it relates to disability and disability-competent care. You can choose to answer all, some, or no questions; this is entirely up to you. It is anticipated that these activities will occur throughout the spring and early summer of 2022.
- **Duration:** Your time commitment will be approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey.
- **Risks:** There is minimal risk for breaches of confidentiality, including identifiable personal information (e.g. names and contact information). To mitigate the risk for breaches of confidentiality, identifiable information will not be linked to your survey responses and will be permanently removed following the completion of all data collection. All study data will be electronically stored on a secure research drive in coordination with Binghamton University's ITS network storage team. There is minimal risk for discomfort when answering survey questions about the ways in which your social work programs has engaged with students who have disabilities. To mitigate any psychological discomfort that could occur when answering the survey questions, you can pause, stop, or end the survey at any time.
- **Benefits:** Benefits to you or others cannot be promised for taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include helping policymakers, educators, and researchers to improve the experience of people with disabilities in the context of social work field education.
- **Alternatives:** Participation is voluntary and the only alternative is to not participate.

We will tell you about any new information that may affect your willingness to continue participation in this research.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

Information collected as part of this research will be published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at international and national conferences on higher education, social work, and disability.

EXEMPT

Your information and/or specimens will not be used or distributed for future research studies even if all identifying information is removed.

How will my privacy and data confidentiality be protected?

Your contact information, which will be collected at the end of the survey for the purposes of coordinating follow-up focus groups and disseminating incentives, will not be linked or associated with your survey responses. Your email address, name, and any other contact information will be permanently removed from the study data following the completion of all data collection.

All de-identified study data will be electronically stored on a Google Drive that is accessible to only members of the research team. All study data will be saved in this secure location for 3 years. All members of the research team will take responsibility for the secure storage of passwords and utilize the University's two-factor authentication process to access documents.

Qualtrics is a Binghamton University approved survey platform and we anticipate that your participation in this element of the study will present no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

Please note that email communication is neither private nor secure. Though we are taking precautions to protect your privacy, you should be aware that information sent through e-mail could be read by a third party.

Despite these precautions, we can never fully guarantee your privacy or the confidentiality of all study information. Individuals and organizations that conduct or monitor this research may be permitted access to inspect the research records, including accessing your private information. These individuals and organizations include: approved study team members and the Binghamton University Institutional Review Board (IRB).

This research will remain confidential unless we are required by New York State Law to report harm to yourself or your children.

What if I want to stop participating in this research?

Taking part in this research study is your decision. Your participation is voluntary. You do not have to take part in this study, but if you do, you can choose not to participate in any study activity or to completely withdraw at any point without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your relationship with the researcher(s) or Binghamton University.

Will I be paid for participating in this research?

Everyone who completes the survey will be eligible for a raffle. At the end of the survey, you will be redirected to another Qualtrics survey where you can, if you wish, provide your name and email address if you wish to be entered into the raffle. Two winners will be selected at random and notified via email. They will be invited to choose between a complete set of the Social Work Superheroes or a \$50.00 Amazon.com gift card as their incentive; incentives will be emailed or mailed to the raffle winners at their preferred address.

By accepting payment(s) for participating in this study, certain identifying information about you may be made available to professional auditors to satisfy federal and state reporting requirements, but confidentially will be preserved. Please note that if you earn \$600 or over in a calendar year as a research subject, these earnings will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions, concerns, or have experienced a research related injury, contact the research team at:

- Jacqueline McGinley, PhD, LMSW
- jmcginle@binghamton.edu

IRB APPROVAL: 5/6/2022
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- (607) 777-9188

Binghamton University's IRB is overseeing this research. The IRB is a group of people who perform independent reviews of research studies to ensure the rights and welfare of participants are protected. If you have questions about your rights or wish to speak with someone other than the research team, you may contact:

- The Binghamton University IRB
- hsrrc@binghamton.edu
- (607) 777 - 3818

ELECTRONIC STATEMENT OF CONSENT FOR SURVEY PARTICIPATION

I have had the opportunity to read and consider the information in this form. I have asked any questions necessary to make a decision about my participation. I understand that I can ask additional questions throughout my participation.

I understand that I am not waiving any legal rights. I have been provided with a copy of this consent form and I am at least 18 years old.

Should I choose to participate, I understand that I will be giving electronic consent prior to the start of the survey.