

## INFORMED CONSENT FORM

IRB # 20111212198 EX

**Title:**

Assessment of Adjunct Faculty Teaching Performance

**Purpose:**

This research project will aim to identify what adjunct and part-time faculty report regarding assessment procedures of their teaching practice. The intent is to describe both formative and summative assessment practices used to evaluate the performance of part-time and adjunct faculty. Understanding existing procedures will aid in creating new assessment procedures and practices designed to improve part-time and adjunct faculty teaching performance and ensure students receive quality instruction.

You must be 19 years of age or older to participate. You are invited to participate in this study because you are a current or recent non-tenured or non-tenure track faculty member with part-time or adjunct employment status (less than 50%).

**Procedures:**

You will be asked to respond to various research questions concerning your experiences as an adjunct faculty member. Researchers will record and transcribe these interviews in order to analyze the responses. The interview should last no longer than one hour and will be conducted at a mutually agreed upon location, by telephone, or by other electronic means.

**Benefits:**

There are no direct benefits to you as a research participant.

**Risks and/or Discomforts:**

There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this research.

**Confidentiality:**

Any information obtained during this study that could identify you will be kept strictly confidential. Upon your acceptance of this agreement, you will receive a unique designation identifying any data associated with you. Researchers will audio record interviews and will transcribe those interviews upon completion. After transcription, researchers will destroy all audio recordings. These data will be stored in a locked cabinet in the investigator's office and will only be seen by the investigator during the study and for one year after the study is complete. The information obtained in this study may be published in scientific journals or presented at scientific meetings but these data will be reported as aggregated data.

**Opportunity to Ask Questions:**

You may ask any questions concerning this research and have those questions answered before agreeing to participate in or during the study. Alternatively, you may contact the investigator(s) at the phone numbers below. Please contact the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institutional Review Board at (402) 472-6965 to voice concerns about the research or if you have any questions about your rights as a research participant.

**Freedom to Withdraw:**

Participation in this study is voluntary. You can refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without harming your relationship with the researchers or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, or in any other way receive a penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Consent, Right to Receive a Copy:**

You are voluntarily making a decision whether or not to participate in this research study. Your signature certifies that you have decided to participate having read and understood the information presented. You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.

**Signature of Participant:**

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Signature of Research Participant

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Date

**Name and Phone number of investigator(s)**

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