

## Springfield College IRB

### Agreement to Conduct Standard Pedagogy Experiment

**Overview:** Certain kinds of education research are considered exempt under most IRB regulations. A Springfield College researcher conducting education research can complete the form below and submit it to the IRB for approval.

**Exempt education research is defined as:** “Research, conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, that specifically *involves normal educational practices*\* that are not likely to adversely impact students’ opportunity to learn required educational content or the assessment of educators who provide instruction. This includes most research on regular and special education instructional strategies, and research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.” (Source: [HHS.GOV](https://www.hhs.gov))

\*Please review guidelines for what qualifies as “normal educational practice.”

**Title of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Investigator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Investigators:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Faculty Advisor (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach the following materials to your signed application** (Incomplete applications cannot be approved):

- A brief description or overview of the proposed research study (1-2 paragraphs)
- A brief description of methods and procedures (1-2 paragraphs)
- Any relevant data collection instruments
- A completed *Information Sheet* to be included with the course syllabus

**I certify that my study meets the federal definition of exempt educational research described above, and additionally, that it does NOT involve:**

- Children (participants under the age of 18)
- Adults (age 18 or older) who may not be legally/mentally/cognitively competent to consent
- Prisoners
- American Indian/Alaska Native tribes
- Non-Springfield College personnel engaged in research: a) intervening or interacting with the participants and/or b) having access to participant identifiable private information for research purposes.
- International Research
- A study team member with a Disclosable Financial Interest.

**Additionally, I certify that I will administer and review the Information Sheet with research participants before I commence any data collection.**

**Principal Investigator's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Advisor's Signature (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Chair's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_