

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Ethical approval number: NSA16/003

INVITATION

You are invited to participate in a research project entitled: **A Longitudinal Study of Professional Learning and Teachers' Interpersonal skills, Motivation, and Engagement during Masters of Teaching Programs**. We are inviting students (who started a MTeach program in 2016) at UNSW or the University of Wollongong to complete one 15-minute online questionnaire.

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

The purpose of this research study is to help identify and assess the non-academic attributes (e.g., psychological characteristics including motivation, personality, and interpersonal skills) of pre-service teachers, with the goal of enhancing teachers' professional learning – beginning with teacher education. The overarching research question for the proposed study is: *To what extent are non-academic skills and characteristics of prospective teachers being fostered and developed through teacher education?*

INVESTIGATORS

The research study is being carried out by the following researchers:		
Chief Investigator	Dr. Tracy Durksen	School of Education, UNSW
Co-investigators	Professor Andrew Martin	School of Education, UNSW
	Dr. Lynn Sheridan	School of Education, UoW
	Dr. Sharon Tindall-Ford	School of Education, UoW
	Professor Robert Klassen	Dept. of Education, UofYork

METHOD AND DEMANDS ON PARTICIPANTS

Participation consists of completing one online questionnaire at your convenience anytime **before 28 November 2016**. We expect that this questionnaire will take up to 15 minutes to complete.

POSSIBLE RISKS, INCONVENIENCES, AND DISCOMFORTS

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study. Consenting to participate in this research is voluntary. Your decision will not affect your grades or relationship with UoW, or with the research team members and UNSW.

FUNDING AND BENEFITS OF THE RESEARCH

This research is being funded by Dr. Tracy Durksen's Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at UNSW. We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit those who are engaged in initial teacher education programs as well as those involved in designing professional learning programs that can help develop and support prospective and new teachers. As a small token of our appreciation for completing this online questionnaire, we would like to enter you in a **draw to win one of ten \$50 vouchers**. We will have five draws for participants from MTeach programs at the University of Wollongong and five draws for participants from the MTeach program at UNSW. If you complete the questionnaire, you will be prompted to type your student email address if you would like to be entered in the draw (we will only use your email address to contact you if you win). UoW winners will be notified by 30 November 2016 and can claim their voucher if they: a) started their MTeach program at UNSW or UoW in 2016, b) are currently enrolled in the MTeach program, and c) complete a form confirming receipt of the voucher (for research accounting purposes). Although we cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study, this questionnaire will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on your beliefs as a prospective teacher. If you decide to participate again later (2 more opportunities in 2017), this study may help you reflect on your professional engagement and aspirations over time. Indirectly, you will also be contributing valuable information that will be used to inform and improve professional learning experiences in teacher education. In addition, you will be contributing specifically to our

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understanding of motivation and engagement which can promote and enhance both teacher and student learning.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information obtained in connection with this research study that can identify you will be anonymised and remain confidential. By clicking on the 'Next' button after entering your name and date of consent at the start of the online questionnaire, you consent to the research team collecting and using your responses for the research study. While we require you to type in your name for consent purposes before beginning the questionnaire, your decision to participate and any associated responses will not be shared with your course coordinators and instructors. Only the Chief Investigator, Tracy Durksen, will have access to your submitted responses and will ensure your identifiable information is removed and replaced with a number before sharing data with other research team members or in publications. This project will use an external site to confidentially create, collect and analyse data collected in a questionnaire format. The site we are using is Survey Monkey. If you agree to complete this questionnaire, the responses you provide will be confidentially stored on a host server that is used by Survey Monkey. Once we have completed our data collection and analysis, we will import the data we collect to the UNSW server and password-protect (we will keep your data for 7 years). Any identifiable information that you provide (e.g., name, email address) will be removed and the data on the Survey Monkey server will then be deleted.

RESEARCH RESULTS

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. This feedback will be in the form of a two-page de-identified data summary that will be posted on the project webpage: <http://tracydurksen.com/pl-time-project/>. If you wish to receive notification when the data summary is available after the study is finished, please contact Tracy Durksen at tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au. In the meantime, you can visit the webpage for updates or preliminary results. It is anticipated that the results of this research study will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be published in a way such that you will not be individually identifiable.

ETHICS REVIEW AND COMPLAINTS

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time and there will be no consequences for withdrawing consent. You can do this by completing the Form for Withdrawal from Participation (available at <http://tracydurksen.com/pl-time-project/>) and emailing a PDF copy to Tracy Durksen (tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au). If you withdraw from the study, the researchers will not use your email address to contact you with invitations to participate when administering the remaining study questionnaires. If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems that may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact Dr. Tracy Durksen (Chief Investigator) by email tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au or phone (+61 2 9385 8507). If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the way the research is or has been conducted you can contact the Ethics Officer, Human Research Ethics Committee, Office of Research, University of Wollongong on 02 4221 4457 or email: rso-ethics@uow.edu.au

Thank you for considering this participation request.

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