

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

A Longitudinal Study of Professional Learning and Teachers' Interpersonal skills,
 Motivation, and Engagement during Teacher Education Programs

The research study is being carried out by the following researchers:		
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	Professor Robert Klassen	Dept. of Education, UofYork
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Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited to take part in this study because you are enrolled in a teacher education program. To participate in this project you need to meet the following inclusion criteria → you are preparing for your first professional experience at UNSW or UoW.

What is the research study about?

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 improving the selection of prospective teachers and enhancing teachers' professional learning – beginning with teacher education.

The overarching research question for the research is: *To what extent are non-academic skills and characteristics of prospective teachers being fostered and developed through teacher education?* Last year we developed and trialled a research-informed scenario-based learning activity. Now we are inviting you to help us test the integration of feedback and reflection opportunities in a revised scenario-based learning activity.

Do I have to take part in this research study?

While completing this activity is a program hurdle requirement, you can decide at the end if you want your responses confidentially included in this research study. Your decision will not affect your relationship with your instructors, professional experience coordinators, the researchers, UNSW, UOW, the University of York, or the NSW Department of Education.

What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

We do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study. If you decide you want to take part in this research study, you will be asked:

- keep a copy of this Participant Information Statement;
- indicate your consent (yes or no) at the end of the activity;
- consider granting us permission to confidentially request access to your Professional Experience 1 Report

Participation will involve completing weekly online scenario-based learning activities (one 45-minute session per week for 4 weeks). You will be provided with a secure link each week where you will (a) read or watch the scenarios, (b) rate the appropriateness of responses, (c) write a rationale for your decisions, and (d) view expert teachers' ratings and rationale. Tailored feedback from experienced teachers will be provided after each scenario. As a consolidation and debriefing exercise, you will be offered an optional online guided group discussion facilitated online by school mentors each week. This is intended as a professional learning activity to help you consider teaching scenarios before you begin your professional experience. Your individual results will not be shared with your instructors or the professional experience office – only your name to indicate that you completed the activity. Your responses will be de-identified by a member of our research team who is not involved in your degree program. The activity is not expected to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result, please

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contact the lead researcher, Tracy Durksen: tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au or by phone 9385 8507. If you wish to contact someone who is not involved in your degree program, you can contact our research officer, Dr Keiko Bostwick, by email: keiko.bostwick@unsw.edu.au

Will I be paid to participate in this project?

You will not be paid to provide consent for your responses to be included in the research study.

What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit those who are engaged in teacher training programs as well as those involved in designing programs that help develop and support prospective and new teachers. Although we cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study, our research demonstrates that our online scenario-based learning activities have the potential to enhance preservice teachers' sense of self-efficacy and classroom readiness. You will also receive a personalised report generated from your responses and a certificate of completion. Indirectly, you will be contributing valuable information that will be used to inform and improve the teacher education applicant selection process and professional learning experiences in teacher education as well as the hiring and professional learning of practicing teachers. In addition, you will be contributing specifically to our understanding of the interpersonal skills, motivation, and engagement that can promote and enhance both teacher and student learning and development.

What will happen to information about me?

You will be asked to enter your name and university email address when logging into the activity. This activity is being offered through a secure online platform developed and managed by our University of York co-investigator. Your name and contact details will only be stored for the purposes of this research. Your identifiable results will not be shared with your university instructors or the professional experience office – only your name to confirm that you completed the activity. Evaluation of the effectiveness of scenario-based learning is built into this research activity and related research ethics approval has been granted to one of our co-investigators (Professor Klassen) through the University of York (UK). Your name and any identifiable information will be removed by our University of York research team and replaced with a number. By clicking 'Yes' following a 'declaration by the participant' statement at the end of the activity (see the end of this letter for a copy), you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the purposes of this research. Your data will be kept for a period of 7 years after the project's completion. Our research team at the University of York (UK) will protect your data in accordance with their institutional human research ethics approval. After de-identifying the data, they will confidentially share the activity responses with the lead researcher at UNSW along with a separate password-protected list of names. We will store your de-identified data on a password-protected server at UNSW. The list matching your name to a number will be stored in a separate password-protected document in the Chief Investigator's office (G38 Morven Brown Building, UNSW, Sydney).

How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You can tell us that you wish to receive feedback by supplying your email address, when prompted at the end of the activity. This feedback will be in the form of a two-page data summary that will be posted on <http://tracydurksen.com/pl-time-project/>. You will receive notification that the data summary is available after the study is finished. In the meantime, you can visit the website 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. You have the right to request access to the information about you that is collected and stored by the research team. You also have the right to request that any information with which you disagree be corrected. You can do this by contacting the Chief Investigator, Dr. Tracy Durksen (tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au).

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What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to the use of your responses for the purposes of the research study, you may withdraw at any time. If you do withdraw, you will be asked to complete and sign the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' (which is provided at the end of this document). Alternatively, you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research study, please let us know at the time when you withdraw what you would like us to do with the information we have collected about you up to that point. If you wish, your information will be removed from our study records and will not be included in the study results, up to the point that we have analysed and published the results.

What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. 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 the Chief Investigator, Dr. Tracy Durksen (School of Education, UNSW) by phone at 9385 8507 or by email (tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au). If you wish to contact someone who is not involved in your degree program, you can contact our research officer, Dr Keiko Bostwick, by email: keiko.bostwick@unsw.edu.au

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, then you may contact the Human Research Ethics Coordinator at UNSW by phone 9385 6222 or by email humanethics@unsw.edu.au and quote the following HC reference number: 16033.