



CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH AS A HUMAN SUBJECT

The University of Texas at San Antonio

An Evaluation of Teacher Academy Learning Communities: On Developing a Teacher SUCCESS Model:

Principal Investigator(s): Belinda B. Flores, Ph.D.

You are being asked to participate in a research study. This form provides you with information about the study. You will also receive a copy of this form to keep for your reference. The Principal Investigator or his/her representative will provide you with any additional information that may be needed and answer any questions you may have. Read the information below and ask questions about anything you do not understand before you decide whether or not to take part. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you can refuse to participate or withdraw at anytime without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

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What is the purpose of the study? We are asking you to take part in a longitudinal study to evaluate the Teacher Academy Learning Community. We want to learn the best strategies for developing a teacher success model. We are asking you to take part in this study because you are seeking a degree and/or teaching certification. Fifty new subjects are expected to take part in this study each year over the next 5 years for a total of 250 subjects.

**What will be done if you agree to take part in this research study?**

All teacher candidates will take part in orientation/information sessions and ongoing academic and personal support sessions. Teacher candidates agreeing to participate in the study will be asked to allow us to collect grade point average information, TExES results, and to complete several instruments. Grade point average and TEXES results will allow us to note general trends on your progress and to make comparisons. Please see attached table for list of instruments, purpose, time completion, and administration timeline. We will also employ audio and video taping of discussions, but these will be destroyed upon completion of the study. With your permission, some tapes may be used for instructional purposes.

**What are the possible discomforts and risks?** There will be no expected discomforts and risks.

**What are the possible benefits to taking part in this research?** Subjects will have the opportunity to self-analyze their progress towards their goal of becoming a teacher and their perception of their instructional practices and classroom ecology. We do not guarantee that you will benefit by your participation.

**Will there be any costs related to the research?** There will be no costs related to the research.

**Will there be any compensation for participation?** There will be no compensation for participation.

**If you do not want to take part in this study, what other options are available to you?** Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You are free to refuse to be in the study or to withdraw from the study at any time. Your refusal will not influence current or future relationships with The University of Texas at San Antonio.

**How will the privacy and the confidentiality of your research records be protected?** Your research records will not be released without your consent unless required by law or a court order. Your records may be viewed by the Institutional Review Board, but the confidentiality of your records will be protected to the extent permitted by law. The data resulting from your participation may be used in publications and/or presentations but your identity will not be disclosed. Audio and videotapes of discussions made during the study will be destroyed upon completion of the study.

**How can you withdraw from this research study and who should you call if you have questions?** If you wish to stop your participation for any reason, you should contact the principal investigator, Belinda B. Flores, Ph.D. at 210-458-7441. Throughout the study, the researchers will notify you of new information that may become available and that might affect your decision to remain in the study. If you have questions now, you may ask the principal investigator (or representative staff). If you have questions later, you may contact Belinda B. Flores, Ph.D. at (210) 458-7441. In addition, if you have questions about your rights as a research subject, or if you have complaints, concerns, or questions about the research, you may contact the University of Texas at San Antonio Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at (210)458-6473. You have been informed about this study's purpose, procedures, possible benefits and risks. You have been given the opportunity to ask questions before you sign, and you have been told that you can ask other questions at any time. You voluntarily agree to participate in this study. By signing this form, you are not waiving any of your legal rights.

**You will be given a copy of this form to keep.**

**Privacy Notice**

With a few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information U.T. San Antonio collects about you. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review this information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to have U.T. San Antonio correct information about you that is held by us and that is incorrect, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the University of Texas System Business Procedures Memorandum 32. The information that U.T. San Antonio collects will be retained and maintained as required by Texas records retention laws (Section 441.180 et seq. of the Texas Government Code) and rules. Different types of information are kept for different periods of time.

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Printed Name of Subject

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Signature of Subject

Belinda B. Flores, Ph.D.  
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Printed Name of Person Obtaining Consent

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