

Informed Consent Required Language:

Include two to three sentences in plain language that explain the purpose of your study and explain why an individual may want to participate and why an individual might not want to participate. Do not include the “research question” or “purpose” from your dissertation proposal document that is written in scholarly language.

Include the amount of time that will be involved in participating in the study and include the approximate number of participants that will be involved in the study.

Include a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts to the subject or participant. Also include referral resources.

Include a description of any benefits to the subject or to others that may reasonably be expected from the research.

Include a statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of records identifying the subject will be maintained.

Include a statement that the participant's information collected as part of the research study will not be used or distributed for future research studies.

Include an explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about the research and research participants' rights.

Include this statement: “Your participation is voluntary. Your refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.” Explain how an individual who is considering participating may discontinue participation.

Include this sentence at the end, “If you have any questions about consenting to participate in this study, please contact me prior to completing this agreement.”