



Information for Participants

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Project: Lesson Simulation

This project aims to better understand the use of computer simulation of classrooms and the lesson planning process.

You will be asked to complete a short survey before and after the course on what you think about the use of computer simulations of classrooms. Data from your lesson simulations during tutorials and submitted lesson plans would also be used in the study.

While all students will complete simulations and lesson planning as part of their course, participation in the research component (i.e. the pre- and post-course surveys and use of simulation data and lesson plans) is optional.

Your decision to participate or not will have no impact upon your course or relationship with your lecturer or Griffith University, and you may withdraw your consent at any time without comment or penalty.

There are no anticipated risks associated with the research.

Your name will not be used in any research arising from this study and all data will be de-identified after the course. No individuals data will be reported, only averages for the cohort as a whole.

All research data (survey responses, simulator and lesson plan data, and analysis) will be retained in a password protected electronic file at Griffith University for a period of five years before being destroyed.

At the conclusion of the research project, the project website will be made publicly available and you will be able to view all de-identified research data along with the research publications arising from the project. While you will not be able to identify your own data, you will be able to see how your course as a whole views the use of computer simulations of lessons. This data will be made publicly available for use by future research.

It is expected that this research will benefit your lecturer to better understand the effectiveness of their teaching and more generally contribute to an improved understanding of the use of computer simulations in initial teacher education.

Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of this research project, you are encouraged to contact the Manager, Research Ethics on 07 3735 4375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

The conduct of this research involves the collection, access and/or use of your identified personal information. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes. However, your anonymity will at all times be safeguarded. For further information consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 4375.

Please contact Dr Jason Zagami with any further questions related to the research.



Expression of Consent

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By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood the information package and in particular that:

- I understand that my involvement in this research will include completing pre and post course surveys and that my simulation data may be collected and used.
- I have had any questions answered to my satisfaction;
- I understand the risks involved;
- I understand that there will be no direct benefit to me from my participation in this research;
- I understand that my participation in this research is voluntary;
- I understand that if I have any additional questions I can contact the researcher;
- I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time, without comment or penalty;
- I understand that I can contact the Manager, Research Ethics, at Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee on 07 3735 4375 (or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au) if I have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the project; and
- I agree to participate in the project.

Name:

Signature:

Date: