

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH

### Academic Factors Associated with Educational Completion for Students with Disabilities in Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs

You are invited to be in a research study assessing institutional factors associated with DPT education for students with physical disabilities. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a faculty member at an accredited DPT Program. If you have had experiences with a student with a physical disability, you may also be eligible to volunteer for a study-specific interview.

Please read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to participate in the study.

This study is being conducted by:

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**Procedures:** If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to do the following things:

- Complete an anonymous survey anticipated to take no more than 15 minutes.
- If eligible, consider participating in an interview over Zoom, lasting 30-60 minutes. Interviews will be recorded, with consent, for subsequent analysis. Transcripts will be provided to all interview participants.

**Confidentiality:** The records of this study will be kept private. Any published report will not include information that will make it possible to identify a subject or a subject's institution. Research records will be stored securely and only researchers will have access to the records. Interview recordings will be stored on a university supported device in a secure database (Box).

**Voluntary Nature of the Study:** Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University of Minnesota. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

**Will I be compensated for my participation?** No compensation is available to study participants as a result of participating in this study.

**Contacts and Questions:** The researcher(s) conducting this study is: Amanda Sharp. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, **you are encouraged** to contact them at 420 Delaware St. SE; MMC 388, Minneapolis, MN, 55445. Phone: 612.626.4691, [sharp@umn.edu](mailto:sharp@umn.edu). Advisor, Dr. David Weerts, PhD, is available at: [dweerts@umn.edu](mailto:dweerts@umn.edu) or 612-625-2289.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB within the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP). To share feedback privately with the HRPP about your research experience, call

the Research Participants' Advocate Line at 612-625-1650 (Toll Free: 1-888-224-8636) or go to [z.umn.edu/participants](https://z.umn.edu/participants). You are encouraged to contact the HRPP if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

***You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.***