

### 3357:13-14-56 Academic Policy on Human Subjects Research

- (A) The College may engage in research involving human subjects for the purpose of systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to the advancement of knowledge. All such research must comply with this policy, even if it:
  - (1) Is only partially conducted by the College.
  - (2) Is only partially funded by the College.
  - (3) Is not funded or conducted by the College, but the College permits or directs its employees or students to participate as researchers or subjects.
- (B) Human subjects research must be conducted in a manner consistent with federal and state laws and regulations (including without limitation 45 C.F.R. Part 46, as amended from time-to-time), and should be conducted in a manner consistent with other generally accepted professional standards governing the research.
- (C) In conducting human subjects research, the College will adhere to the principles of autonomy, beneficence, and justice:
  - (1) Autonomy provides subjects the information, time, respect, and opportunity to make informed decisions regarding participation in research with special regard for particularly vulnerable populations. The College through the IRB (Institutional Review Board) will generally not approve any research conducted with vulnerable populations, e.g. minors, incarcerated individuals, individuals with diminished cognitive capacity, etc.
  - (2) Beneficence provides for a thoughtful balance of benefits and risks that protects subjects from harm and regards their well-being. The College has an established IRB to review and approve proposed research on human subjects prior to the start of any research conducted by faculty, staff, or students. In addition, the IRB chair has the authority to accept an external IRB approval for any entity seeking participants from the college community or conducting research on campus. This is essential to help the College minimize the risk of harm to subjects in such research.
  - (3) Justice provides for fair and unbiased distribution of benefits and burdens of research as well as impartial and equitable subject selection.
- (D) The President or the President's designee is hereby directed to take all steps necessary and appropriate for the effective implementation of this policy.
- (E) The College's policy and processes for the operation of NCSC, IRB can be found in the policy manual under policy 12-10 IRB Policy, 12-101 IRB Procedures, and 12-101a Application for Human Subject Research. Additionally, these forms and procedures are available to faculty, students, and staff on the IRB committee homepage located at: <https://ncstatecollege.edu/irb/>

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