

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH POLICY & PROCEDURE

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Subject: <b>RESEARCH APPROVAL PROCESS</b>		Original Issue Date: December 9, 2004	Policy #: <b>130</b>
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## **PURPOSE:**

To describe the process for obtaining approval to conduct research while working at the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health

To protect human subjects from harm or adverse outcomes related to their involvement in research

To ensure compliance with all regulatory agencies including HIPAA regulations

## **POLICY:**

All research involving human subjects:

- Is approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the University of Southern California (USC) Health Sciences Campus, LAC+USC Healthcare Network, and Health Research Association.
- Abides by all regulatory agency requirements, HIPAA, and LAC+USC Healthcare Network policies.

The Provost/designee authorizes all research proposals prior to submission to IRB and prior to implementation.

The research proposal must include the following elements:

- Introduction
  - Problem statement
  - Explanation of how the study is grounded in research literature
  - Potential contribution to knowledge and practice
  - Hypotheses, questions, or objectives
- Literature review
- Research design
- Research methods detailing:
  - Selection of subjects
  - Interventions
  - Data collection
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Assessment of risks and benefits
- Any conflict of interest
- Data analysis
- References
- Time line.

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Copies of research documents are maintained by the college for seven years after research completion.

**PROCEDURE:**

Project Initiator:

- Submits Research Proposal, Research Approval Request form, and Curriculum Vitae to the Provost/designee and to the Director of Research

Provost or designee:

- Reviews proposal
- Signs Research Approval Request form indicating if authorization is granted
- Returns original form to project initiator
- Gives a copy of signed Research Approval Request to the Director of Research

Project Initiator:

- Submits proposal to the IRB for review  
Submits proposal to the Chief Nursing Officer for review and approval if research is to be conducted in the Nursing Department. (Refer to LAC+USC Healthcare Network Department of Nursing Services policy)
- Complies with all current directives from the IRB during the course of conducting approved research
- Informs Provost/designee and IRB of any unanticipated adverse events or changes in protocol within two days of occurrence
- Submits copies of all related documents and findings to the Provost/designee and Director of Research

Director of Research:

- Files copies of all documents
- Maintains records of research projects for a minimum of seven years.

**PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION:**

Research Approval Request  
Current IRB forms

**REFERENCES:**

Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, DHHS Policy Part 46 - Protection of Human Research Subjects

Institutional Review Board for USC Health Sciences Campus, LAC+USC Healthcare Network, and Health Research Association Policies and Procedures

LAC+USC Healthcare Network Department of Nursing Services Policy # 303: Nursing Research/Grants