

LANCASTER GENERAL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Research Committee

Procedure

Policy:

The Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences (LGCNHS) is responsible for the review and approval of all faculty research conducted within the college. In cases involving direct patient –contact at the Lancaster General Hospital, the research committee forwards the approved proposal to the Institutional Review Committee (IRC) for final approval.

Philosophy:

The LGCNHS endorses the philosophy that research projects are necessary for an evidenced-based educational system.

Procedure:

1. The Principal Investigator (PI) will submit the following information to the Chairperson of the Research Committee:
 - a. A completed LGCNHS Research Application
 - b. A copy of the proposed project
 - c. A Sample Consent Form if applicable (Required in projects involving direct patient or student contact)
2. The Chairperson and a designated member of the research committee will review the application and proposal. If the application is complete and the proposal contains all the necessary components required for review, the proposal is presented to the committee for approval.
3. At the designated Research Committee meeting, the Chairperson and the member who reviewed the proposal will present an overview of the proposal along with a recommendation regarding approval/disapproval. The PI will be invited to attend and answer any questions from the committee. In private, the Research Committee will discuss the proposal and vote to determine approval. A majority vote is necessary for approval.
4. If the proposal requires direct patient contact, the proposal will be sent to the Institutional Review Committee (IRC) at the hospital with recommendations to approve.
5. Once approval has been obtained, the research project may begin.
6. The PI is responsible for all study collaborators. The PI will provide an update to the Research Committee at least every three months until the research is complete.

7. Upon completion of the research project, the PI will submit a summary report of findings to the Research Committee Chairperson. These findings will be incorporated into the routine report of the committee to the Faculty Committee.