**Application for a Title IX/Clery Reporting Exception for Research**

UNCP researchers are required to report to UNCP authorities certain disclosures about sexual violence against UNCP students that research participants may make in the course of the research process. Information about researcher mandatory reporting obligations is available at <https://www.uncp.edu/resources/title-ix-clery-compliance>. There is a very limited exception available to facilitate research in the area of sexual violence. Per university policy, Sexual Violence includes sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking (to include cyber-stalking), and sexual assault. Researchers who are conducting such research should consider whether to request from the UNCP IRB approval for an exception to the normal requirement that a researcher report to UNCP Title IX/Clery Coordinator any disclosure about student-on-student sexual violence perpetrated against a UNCP student.

**Important:**

1. Researchers should note that the Title IX/Clery reporting exception for research applies only to disclosures of student-on-student Sexual Violence incidents made during the research project for which it was approved, and will not relieve researchers from other mandatory reporting responsibilities (e.g., for reporting of employee-on-student sexual violence, child abuse, abuse of an incapacitated adult, or hazing).
2. A Title IX/Clery reporting exception for research does not apply to minors (students under age 18).
3. A Title IX/Clery reporting exception extends to all researchers on the project for which an approval was granted, including staff and students named in the IRB application who are working on the project.
4. A Title IX/Clery reporting exception applies only to disclosures made during the research project for which it was approved. Disclosures made to researchers outside of the research protocols (e.g., to faculty during office hours, while providing academic advising, or either before or after the research period) are NOT excepted from reporting requirements.
5. If the applicant for a Title IX/Clery reporting exception is a graduate or undergraduate student, the student must have the Faculty / Staff Advisor sign the request form.
6. Upon receipt of an application that includes a request for approval of a Title IX/Clery reporting exception, the UNCP IRB will forward a copy of the materials to the UNCP General Counsel’s Office and UNCP Office of Title IX and Clery Compliance for their review. Their review will take place concurrent with the UNCP IRB’s review of the application. The UNCP IRB will not issue a final decision until it has received from these offices the results of their review.
7. If as part of an application for the use of human subjects in research the UNCP IRB approves an exception for Title IX/Clery reporting, the researcher must provide all study participants with the appropriate information. For example, the researcher will inform participants that some of the information that they may reveal during the research process may be exempt from Title IX/Clery reporting. Furthermore, the researcher will also inform participants that other types of information are not exempt from Title IX/Clery reporting. The researcher will provide specific examples of these instances to participants. These instances include sexual violence involved with a minor (i.e., an individual under 18 years old), employee on student sexual violence, child abuse, abuse of an incapacitated adult, and hazing.

In order for the UNCP IRB to consider a request for approval of a Title IX/Clery reporting exception, a UNCP researcher must complete this form, the UNCP IRB protocol, and the completion certificates from the appropriate CITI courses.

1. Describe how the proposed research project involves sexual violence.
2. Explain the basis for belief that data collection methods used in the context of the proposed research project may elicit a personal account of a sexual violence involving a UNCP student.
3. Justify why the exception is appropriate for the research under review.

By signing this form, the Principle Investigator (PI) attests that they have read the attached request for approval of a Title IX/Clery reporting exception submitted for IRB review.

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Principle Investigator Signature Date

**Faculty / Staff Advisor if the PI is a Student:** I accept ultimate responsibility for ensuring that this study complies with all requirements listed above for the PI.

Advisor Signature Date