

Part-time faculty! You are invited to participate in a research study

You are receiving this email from University of Illinois Chicago nurse researchers because you are (or know someone) who is teaching part-time in a school of nursing, and who is new to the role. Please read on for more information:

The Lived Experience of Novice Part-time faculty: A qualitative study

Nurse researchers understand that nursing schools could not deliver their curricula without the critical contribution of part-time faculty. We also know that choosing to take on this role as a part-time faculty member comes with its own rewards and stresses. Yet, little is known about what novice faculty experience as they transition to this role. Our aim is to close the gap in our understanding about what it is like to take on these responsibilities.

You are being invited to participate in this research study because you are (or were) a part-time faculty member in past two years. We seek to interview faculty who have completed at least one semester of teaching, but not more than 2 years/4 semesters. We are interested in learning all about what it was like to work through your first experiences in teaching; to learn how you lived the experience and what you think about it, now that it is behind you. People who may take part in this study are those part-time faculty members who have started teaching within the past 2 years, are > 18 years old, can speak English, and want to participate.

If you agree to participate in the study, it will take about 45-60 minutes of your time. You will not receive any payment for your time. There are minor risks associated with participation in this study. Those risks include feeling uncomfortable or stressed while being interviewed. Benefits to participation may include finding educational strategies to enhance the organizational structures and support to assist future faculty in this role. Refusal to participate in the study will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you as the participant are otherwise entitled.

So that we can have a precise record of what you tell us, we will digitally record the interview, but we will not record your name or any other identifying information. Instead, we will ask you to choose another name, a pseudonym. Your information will be stored and reported only using your pseudonym, and transcripts of the interviews will be used for data analysis.

If you think you'd like to participate, please respond to this email with your contact information. If you are not a recent part-time faculty member in a school of nursing but you know someone who is, please feel free to pass this invitation on to them. If you have questions about the study, please contact any member of the research team. Our contact information is below. If you have questions about research participants' rights as a research subject, please contact the University of Illinois at Chicago Institutional Review Board at (312) 996-4995. IRB protocol #2020-1138.

Thank you for your consideration!

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