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A hint of research compliance tips for your everyday life

Research recruitment activities at the School of Nursing

How is recruitment done with students in the School of Nursing (SON)? Just as there are certain rules for recruiting students in the School of Medicine (SOM), it is possible for there to be rules while recruiting at the other schools as well. It is important to remember that recruitment can only be performed on IRB approved research studies, and one must ensure that students do not feel pressured into participating.

Currently, the SON does not have policies regarding recruitment of nursing students for participation in research studies; however, similar IRB guidelines and regulations still apply as with all other research.

The IRB application must show that you plan to recruit students onto the research with a statement of justification and precautions that will be implemented when doing so. Note that there is a section on the application that specifically includes students, as well as other vulnerable populations.

There also needs to be mention of how the research will be introduced. Will this be done during class? Will there be posted notices in the SON? Alternatively, will an email blast be sent out to recruit students? Several different methods are allowed, but all proposed methods must be added to the IRB application and approved by the IRB first.

Remember that in all cases, you will need to obtain permission from the SON (deans/administrators) prior to recruitment or implementing any research activities.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, you can also submit them to the [Research Compliance Unit](#).