

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
FOR HUMAN PARTICIPANT RESEARCH (IRB)****POLICY**

Through the establishment of an Institutional Review Board (IRB), Brunswick Community College (BCC) seeks to provide defined criteria that support the Common Rule and the Belmont Principles.* *Respect for persons* is exemplified by recognizing participants are autonomous individuals and make their own decisions entering into research voluntarily and with sufficient information. Individuals who cannot make decisions for themselves, e.g., children, individuals with developmental delays or compromising life circumstances, etc., will be provided further protection. Privacy of each research participant will be respected, and informed consent will guide the process. Individuals conducting research at BCC will employ *beneficence* by *doing no harm*. Participant harm will be minimized through research design. Finally, *Justice* assures participants will be treated fairly and equally. The purpose of this policy is to safeguard and promote ethical and responsible treatment of human subjects involved in research. Individuals internal or external to BCC must follow the approval procedures and be approved to initiate research prior to the start of any data collection.

PROCEDURE

To safeguard and promote ethical and responsible treatment of human subjects involved in research.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To ensure human subjects participating in research or educational programs are not at undue risk and the participants are informed of any risks, e.g., psychological, social and economic, and physical, etc.
2. To advise the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs on the College's compliance with federal guidelines and College policy and procedures regarding the protection of human participants, and to certify to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs all research projects or activities involving human participants has been reviewed and approved by the IRB.

AUTHORITY:

BCC IRB has the authority to approve research conducted in accordance with the Common Rule and the Belmont Principles. BCC IRB has the authority to suspend or terminate approval of research that is not conducted in accordance with the Common Rule or the Belmont Principles.

***Reference**

Public Welfare, Fed. Reg. 45, Protection of Human Subjects, Part 46 (2009). Retrieved from <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/ohrpreulations.pdf> (December, 2012).