



Informed Consent
STUDENT VETERANS' SUCCESS IN
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: A QUANTITATIVE STUDY.
Participants aged 18 and older

Greetings,

My name is Rob Martin, LTC (Ret) U.S. Army, and I am a student at the University of Phoenix working on my dissertation to obtain a Doctorate in Education. I am conducting a research study entitled "*Student Veterans' Success in Post-Secondary Education: A Quantitative Study*."

The purpose of this study is to evaluate how an *Academic Boot Camp* may influence student veterans' academic success and performance in a college environment. You are being asked to participate in this research because you are a student veteran over 18 years old and are attending Southern New Hampshire University Global Campus (online instruction).

If you choose to participate in this study, you are acknowledging that you are a U.S. Military veteran over the age of 18, and you will be randomly placed in one of two groups and asked to complete the following:

1. Each group will complete two surveys (a pre and post-survey) that take approximately 20-25 minutes each.
2. If you are randomly selected to be in group one, you will complete the pre-survey and, in 4 weeks, complete the post-survey.
3. If you are a student who has been randomly selected to be in group two, you will complete the pre-survey, you will participate in a **(non-recorded, discussion-based) Zoom Academic Boot Camp class** that is approximately one hour in length then complete the post-survey in 4 weeks.

As a participant in this study, you should understand the following:

1. Participation is voluntary and **will be confidential. Only your SNHU student email will be used to track your participation and send invites and reminders.** If you choose not to participate, there is no academic penalty or loss of benefits. For the study, students will provide their SNHU student email to allow the researcher to track participation and inform students about the times and dates of the Academic Boot Camp Class.
2. The online pre-survey has three parts (demographic data, students' perceptions of higher education, and students' self-efficacy to achieve success in higher education). The post-survey will have two parts (the student's perceptions of higher education and student's self-efficacy to achieve success in higher education).
3. If you decide to participate in this study, you may withdraw at any time without penalty, loss of benefits, or academic penalty. However, any previously collected survey and consent information will be immediately destroyed and removed from the study by the researcher.
4. All data (surveys and informed consent documents) from the study will be kept secure by the researcher on a password-secured computer with anti-virus and malware protection. All data will be held for three (3) years, kept secure by the researcher on a secure computer and locked office. After three (3) years, all data will be erased from the computer and any other software used in the study.
5. The final results of this study may be published. All the study's final results would only be disseminated via aggregate data, and no student personal or confidential information will be released in the publication.
6. If you voluntarily agree to participate in the study and complete the pre and post-survey, you should print a copy of the consent form on the pre-survey for your records. It is also recommended to delete your browser history upon completion of the survey.

This study has no foreseeable risks to your participation. There is no cost involved on your part to participate. However, the benefits of this study could allow the student veteran to explore their self-confidence and self-efficacy levels further better when it comes to academic success and how to improve it. To say "Thank You" for completing the research study: 20 randomly selected participants, who complete the data collection for the study, will receive a \$10.00 Starbucks gift card.

If you have any questions about the research study, please call me at 321-501-5173 or email me at RM6000@email.phoenix.edu For questions about your rights as a study participant or any concerns or complaints, don't hesitate to get in touch with the University of Phoenix Institutional Review Board at IRB@phoenix.edu

To voluntarily participate in the study, please check the I agree to the terms of the informed consent box. By checking this box, you acknowledge that you have read the above and understand the nature of the study and the possible risks and benefits to you as a participant. When you check, I agree to the terms of the informed consent box. This means that you are 18 years old or older and give your permission to volunteer as a participant in the study described here.

After you acknowledge informed consent and agreement to participate, you may select "ENTER" to access the survey. You may also exit the survey at any time before submitting the survey if you longer wish to participate.

I agree to participate:

To voluntarily participate in the study, you acknowledge that you have read the above and are providing informed consent by selecting the "**I agree to the terms of the informed consent**" box on the first page of the Survey Monkey.

"I agree to the terms of informed consent."

Please Sign _____

Provide your SNHU.edu email _____

I do not agree to participate:

If you are not consenting to participate, please select the "**I do not accept the terms of informed consent and DO NOT agree to participate**" box.

"I do not accept the terms of the informed consent and do not agree to participate."

Please sign and return to me at R.Martin2@SNHU.edu