

## Getting Started

Arizona College is committed to providing support and oversight to all research conducted by students, faculty, and staff. The nursing profession and professional practice is based on, and continually evolves from research. Arizona College encourages research and is committed to the support of both internal and external research efforts.

Our goal is to ensure the integrity of research and scholarly practice and assure the protection of all human subjects and their information. The only way to assure this is for all proposed investigations by any Arizona College student, staff or faculty; or involving any Arizona College students, staff or faculty to be submitted, along with the appropriate information forms, to the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

To fail to submit any proposed research to the IRB is a violation of Arizona College policy. Whether you already have a degree and are a veteran researcher or this is your first research effort, this site is designed to help you prepare your study for IRB review and approval. In this section, are the information and tools needed to help you understand what is involved when you conduct research with human subjects or access any of their information. I hope that you find the information on this website both helpful and educational.



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### To Get Started...

**First...** Read the [Arizona College Statement of Principles](#) to determine the kind of study you are conducting and if your study is subject to IRB approval and oversight.

**Second...** Complete the [Research Protocol Application](#) and submit it to [irb@arizonacollege.edu](mailto:irb@arizonacollege.edu)

Be sure to complete **all components** of the application including signatures. The IRB will review your application at their following IRB meeting and notify you of your application status after the meeting has concluded. If you have any questions on the process or paperwork, please contact us at [irb@arizonacollege.edu](mailto:irb@arizonacollege.edu)