



## IMPLIED CONSENT DOCUMENT

**Project Title:** Evaluation of CRUSH (Cultural Respect, Understanding, Sensitivity and Humility)

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You are being asked to participate in a project conducted through Western Kentucky University. The University requires that you agree to participate in this project.

**You must be 18 years old or older to participate in this research study.**

In this document, I will explain in detail the purpose of the project, the procedures to be used, and the potential benefits and possible risks of participation. You may email any questions you have to help you understand the project.

If you then decide to participate in the project, completion of the assessment questions and demographic information will serve as implied consent.

1. **Nature and Purpose of the Project:** The purpose of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of a continuing education program on preventing farmer suicide through the use of cultural respect, understanding, sensitivity and humility (CRUSH) when working with a farming population. The continuing education program is designed to be completed by health care professionals including nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, licensed social workers and counselors, and pharmacists. In addition, the course may be completed by paraprofessionals working in mental health settings. Researchers plan to assess the results of the assessment questions and data from demographic in an aggregate format to determine the effectiveness of the program and the characteristics of the sample who complete the program.

2. **Explanation of Procedures:** Participants will complete the CRUSH continuing education program, which takes 1 hour to complete. The questions to assess learning and collect demographic information are anticipated to take 10 minutes to complete.

3. **Discomfort and Risks:** There are no anticipated risks or discomforts from completing the assessment questions and demographic questionnaire following the completion of the continuing education program.

4. **Benefits:** Participants will gain increased knowledge of the stressors facing farmers, the impact of mental health issues in the farming community and strategies to communicate in a culturally humble manner with the farming population. It is hoped this will improve provider comfort in working with the farming population on mental health issues and ultimately improve care provided to farmers.

5. **Confidentiality:** No identifying data will be collected by the researchers. Data downloaded from CE Central regarding demographics of the sample and responses to the assessment questions will be maintained in a password protected database in the locked office of the principal investigator for a minimum of three years following the study.

6. **Refusal/Withdrawal:** Refusal to participate in this study will have no effect on any future services you may be entitled to from the University. Anyone who agrees to participate in this study is free to withdraw from the study at any time with no penalty.

*You understand also that it is not possible to identify all potential risks in an experimental procedure, and you believe that reasonable safeguards have been taken to minimize both the known and potential but unknown risks.*

***Your continued cooperation with the following research implies your consent.***

THE DATED APPROVAL ON THIS CONSENT FORM INDICATES THAT  
THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY  
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

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