

Research Participant Information and Consent Form

Study Title:	Trans*, Nonbinary, and Gender Non-Conforming Students' Experiences with Healthcare on the MSU Campus and in the Greater Lansing Community
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BRIEF SUMMARY

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Researchers are required to provide a consent form to inform you about the research study, to convey that participation is voluntary, to explain risks and benefits of participation including why you might or might not want to participate, and to empower you to make an informed decision. You should feel free to discuss and ask the researcher any questions you may have.

PURPOSE OF RESEARCH

You are being asked to participate in a research study of nonbinary, gender non-conforming, and trans* students' experiences accessing healthcare on Michigan State University's campus and in the greater Lansing community.

WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DO

You will be asked to answer interview questions honestly about your experiences receiving healthcare on campus and/or in the Greater Lansing community. Your participation in this study will take 60-90 minutes. All responses (in person, via telephone, or over Zoom) must be audio recorded for the purposes of transcription. If you are interviewed via Zoom, you will be asked to change your displayed name to a pseudonym and to turn off your video before recording begins, in order to protect your privacy and confidentiality. Your video will not be recorded, only audio.

The interviewer will ask you demographic questions (such as your pronouns, age, student status, living arrangements, sex assigned at birth, gender identity, sexual identity, disability status, partnership status, and insurance status). The researcher will also ask you questions regarding your experiences accessing healthcare services on campus and/or the greater Lansing community as a trans*, nonbinary, or gender non-conforming student.

If at any point during the interview you do not wish to answer a question, you are free to skip or decline to answer them.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

You will not benefit personally from being in this study. However, we hope that, in the future, other people might benefit from this study by gaining an understanding of trans*, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming students' firsthand experiences with healthcare on campus and in the greater Lansing area and our research-informed recommendations for continuing improvement of these healthcare practices and services.

POTENTIAL RISKS

There may be questions asked during the interview that request the participant to disclose potentially uncomfortable information. This information could include embarrassing or distressing experiences with healthcare providers. The researcher is able to provide you with a list of resources for mental health support should you want or need them. Because you are providing your MSU email address to research personnel, and research personnel will be providing your email address to the MSU Office of Financial Aid (OFA) to report your receipt of a \$25 gift card, OFA personnel will be able to identify your name through that email address. OFA personnel will not, however, receive any further information about which study, specifically, you have participated in.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

To protect your privacy and confidentiality, we will not collect your name or ask you to sign this informed consent form. You will be providing your MSU email address, so your name may be linked to that email address when communicating with research personnel. If you choose to complete your interview via Zoom, you will be asked to change your display name to a pseudonym and to turn off your video (the researcher will help you do this) before recording begins. While your interview will be audio recorded, the researcher will keep all audio recordings digitally password protected. Further, all audio recordings will be destroyed once the researcher has verified the accuracy of completed transcriptions. Transcripts will also be edited to remove any potentially-identifying information. In publications, teaching, and presentations stemming from this research, data will be summarized in aggregate and/or presented with pseudonyms, maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of participants.

Information shared in this research study will remain confidential, unless you report immediate harm to yourself or others or that someone has abused or neglected a child or vulnerable (i.e., elderly) person. This means that information shared in the study will not constitute a report of discrimination or harassment to the University and will not be reviewed by MSU for potential responsive action or investigation. However, if you would like to report an incident to the University, you are able to do so by contacting the MSU Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) via the Public Incident Reporting Form or by calling OIE at (517) 353-3922. The University will respond promptly, including by offering supportive measures, informing parties about the available complaint and investigation processes, and taking reasonable care to prevent and promptly correct discrimination or harassment. For additional information, please review MSU's Notice of Non-discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Non-Retaliation.

If you would like to discuss options for sharing information in a confidential manner or need other support, please review community, state, and national resources compiled by the Prevention, Outreach, and Education office: <https://poe.msu.edu/resources/survivor-resources.html>.

YOUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE, SAY NO, OR WITHDRAW

You have the right to say no to participating in the research. You can stop at any time after it

has already started. There will be no consequences if you stop and you will not be criticized. You will not lose any benefits that you normally receive.

COSTS AND COMPENSATION FOR BEING IN THE STUDY

You will not incur any costs as a result of participation in this study. You will receive a \$25 Visa or Amazon digital gift card for participating in this study and agreeing for it to be audio recorded. The gift card amount that you receive will be reported to the Office of Financial Aid, but they will not receive any information about the specific study in which you participated. Receipt of gift card payments for study participation may impact student financial aid. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid (517-353-5940) if you have any questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury, please contact the interviewer or their faculty supervisor:

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If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at 4000 Collins Rd, Suite 136, Lansing, MI 48910.

DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT

I will now obtain your verbal consent to participate in this study.

Are you a current or former Michigan State University student?

Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you agree to participate in this study?

Do you agree to have your interview audio recorded?

Can you please confirm that you have also received a copy of this form via email as well as a list of mental health resources should you need them?