



Section: General Administration

Subsection: Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities

Policy II-460: Institutional Review Board

- (A) Lorain County Community College has established an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to protect the rights and safety of persons participating in research, while safeguarding the academic freedom of researchers. The Institutional Review Board at Lorain County Community College is registered with the federal Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP). The IRB will oversee all research conducted with human participants by or through Lorain County Community College.
- (B) Lorain County Community College will make appointments to the Institutional Review Board through the Office of the President; those memberships will consist of staggered three-year terms. Service on the IRB will commence at the beginning of the Fall semester and at the end of the Summer semester. This will augment the standing members listed in Procedure II-460. The Vice President for Administrative Services/Treasurer, a standing member of the IRB, will work with the President's office to ensure the federal requirements of membership are met.
- (C) The IRB will ensure that human participants are treated with the utmost respect and fairness throughout the research process as stipulated by the Belmont Report, Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46, Protection of Human Subjects. The IRB will assist the researcher in the recruitment and ethical treatment of human participants, assure informed consent by the participants; ensure confidential data gathering, and fully consider the relationship of risks and benefits to participants. The IRB shall have authority to approve, require modifications in, or disapprove all research activities covered by this policy.
- (D) Research covered by this policy that has been approved by the IRB may be subject to further appropriate review and approval or disapproval by officials of the institution. However, those officials may not approve the research if it has not been approved by an IRB.
- (E) Related Procedures: [II -460: Institutional Review Board](#)
- (F) Approved and effective June 28, 2007; revised and approved September 25, 2014.