

Dear Colleague,

I am a master's degree student at Western Oregon University in the College of Education under the supervision of Dr. xxx XXX. I am conducting a research study seeking to understand the perspective of preservice teachers about their notions of "educational hope."

I am inviting your participation, which will involve taking an online survey that can be accessed directly through this link: <http://XXX.xxx/123>. Participation in the survey will serve as your consent. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. There is no penalty if you choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time. If you choose to withdraw from the study, all data collected from you will be destroyed through deletion of files. You must be 18 or older to participate in this study.

There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts to your participation.

The online survey allows me to track completers by email address so that I may send a reminder to those who have not responded. In addition, in the survey I ask for your email so that I may contact the winners of the raffle. Your responses will not be anonymous, but they will be confidential. I will remove any personal identifiers after coding is completed in order to maintain your confidentiality. The results of this study will be used in my master's thesis, and may be used in reports, presentations, or publications but your name will not be known/used.

If you have any questions concerning the research study, please contact [researcher's full name] by phone at 503-838-xxxx or via email at: [MyEmail@wou.edu](mailto:MyEmail@wou.edu) or my graduate advisor Dr. xxx XXX at [XXXx@wou.edu](mailto:XXXx@wou.edu). If you have any questions about your rights as a subject/participant in this research, or if you feel you have been placed at risk, you can contact the Chair of the Institutional Review Board at (503) 838-9200 or [irb@wou.edu](mailto:irb@wou.edu).

Thank you,

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