

**Tarrant County College District
Institutional Review Board
Ethnographic Research/Fieldwork**

Researcher:

IRB#:

Study Title:

Ethnographic research, also known as fieldwork, involves observation of and interaction with the persons or groups being studied in the group's own environment.

Fieldwork research proposals often do not fit a traditional research design or Institutional Review Board (IRB) review model. However, the same principles for protection of human subjects apply to these studies.

- 1. Describe the research location(s):**
- 2. Describe how you chose these particular settings:**
- 3. Who is responsible for providing permission to conduct research in these settings?**
- 4. How will you handle situations in which permission from the group is provided but individuals do not want to participate and vice versa?**
- 5. Will you consult with the people who gave you permission to collect data before you publish? Explain:**

Email forms and supporting documentation to: irb.irpe2@tccd.edu.