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Research Project Title:

**Equipping student teachers to teach reading skills: An evaluation of reading pedagogy modules in two universities in KwaZulu-Natal**

Clemence Zamokuhle SABELA, from the Department of General Linguistics and Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zululand has requested my permission to participate in the above-mentioned research project.

The nature and the purpose of the research project, and of this informed consent declaration have been explained to me in a language that I understand.

I am aware that:

1. The purpose of the research project is to critically analyse the preparation of student teachers by higher education institutions to teach reading in schools, with reference to two university programmes in KwaZulu-Natal.
2. The University of Zululand has given ethical clearance to this research project, and I have seen / may request to see the clearance certificate.
3. By participating in this research project, I will be contributing towards the development of student teachers who will be properly equipped to teach reading in schools and thus add to the strategies to address poor reading skills in South African learners.
4. I will participate in the project by allowing the researcher to interview me in relation to the research project.
5. My participation is entirely voluntary and should I at any stage wish to withdraw from participating further, I may do so without any negative consequences.
6. I will not be compensated for participating in the research, but my out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.
7. There are no material risks associated with my participation in the project.
8. The researcher intends publishing the research results in the form of a dissertation and journal article. However, confidentiality and anonymity of records will be maintained and that my name and identity will not be revealed to anyone who has not been involved in the conduct of the research.
9. I will not receive feedback regarding the results obtained during the study.
10. Any further questions that I might have, concerning the research or my participation, will be answered by:

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1. By signing this informed consent declaration, I am not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies.
2. A copy of this informed consent declaration will be given to me, and the original will be kept on record.

I, …………………………………………………………………………. have read the above information / confirm that the above information has been explained to me in a language that I understand, and I am aware of this document’s contents. I have asked all questions that I wished to ask, and these have been answered to my satisfaction. I fully understand what is expected of me during the research.

I have not been pressurised in any way, and I voluntarily agree to participate in the above-mentioned project.

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Participant’s signature Date