



EXPLORING THE PRECEPTIONS OF SELF-EFFICACY OF ONTARIO'S SCIENCE TEACHERS TO TEACH IN DIVERSE CLASSROOMS

LETTER OF INFORMATION

My name is Mithila Vidwans and I am a PhD student at the Faculty of Education at the University of Western Ontario. I am currently conducting research into Science teachers' perceptions regarding teaching in a diverse classroom and would like to invite you to participate in this study.

The aims of this study are to understand Ontario's Science teachers' perceptions of preparedness to teach Science in diverse classrooms which include a substantial number of English Language Learners (ELLs). This study comprises of two parts: (1) A survey questionnaire and (2) An interview.

If you agree to participate in this study you will be asked to complete an online survey (approximately 20 minutes) which asks for your opinion about your perceived level of preparedness to teach Science in diverse classrooms. If you require paper copies of the survey, please contact me. You will be invited to participate in an interview which will last for 30 minutes which will be audio-recorded and later transcribed into written form. If you participate in the survey, you are not obligated to participate in the interview. The online survey can be accessed here: <https://surveys.adt.its.uwo.ca/default.aspx?surveyID=1590>

The information collected will be used for research purposes only, and neither your name nor information which could identify you will be used in any publication or presentation of the study results. All information collected for the study will be kept confidential and all the data will be stored in a password-protected computer which will only be accessed by me. You will not be identified by name in any reports of the research.

There are no known risks to participating in this study.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate, refuse to answer any questions or withdraw from the study at any time with no effect on your employment status.

If you have any questions about the conduct of this study or your rights as a research participant you may contact the Manager, Office of Research Ethics, The University of Western Ontario at 519 661 3036 or ethics@uwo.ca. If you have any questions about this study, please contact me; Mithila Vidwans at 519 702 7420 or mvidwans@uwo.ca or my thesis supervisor Dr. Farahnaz Faez at 519 661 2111 ext 88032 or ffaez@uwo.ca.

This letter is yours to keep for future reference.

Thank you!

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