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CONSENT FORM

Title of Research Study: D2L Learning Analytics Microlearning Evaluation

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You are being asked to take part in a research study. The information in this form will help you decide if you want to be in the study. Please ask the researcher above if there is anything that is not clear or if you need more information.

Description of Project

This study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the *D2L Learning Analytics Microlearning*. Your survey responses will help us determine if the learning outcomes have been achieved and to improve the microlearning for future participants.

Explanation of Procedures

If you agree to participate in this study:

You will be asked to complete a survey prior to starting the microlearning, a survey immediately after completing the microlearning, and then another survey 3-6 months later. The *D2L Learning Analytics Microlearning* takes about 25 minutes to complete. The surveys take about 8 minutes each to complete.

In the surveys, you will be asked to provide your Net ID so that we can match the data from the three survey administrations. Your Net ID will be deleted from the data files once the pre-survey and post-survey data are matched and the personal identifier is no longer needed. Study results will be aggregated, and individual responses will not be identified or disclosed to others.

The surveys ask about your perceptions of academic assessment, your current understanding of how to access the learning analytics within D2L, and your use of these tools. After completion of the microlearning, the surveys also assess the extent to which you feel the microlearning learning outcomes have been achieved.

Participation is voluntary. You can refuse to take part or stop at any time without penalty. Your decision whether to participate in the study in no way impacts your ability to complete the microlearning or benefit from its content. If you would like to withdraw from the study after participation is complete, please contact our Assessment Office at assessment@kennesaw.edu and we will remove your survey responses from the database.

Risks or Discomforts

There are no known risks or anticipated discomforts in this study.

Benefits

The benefits of participation in the microlearning include improved capacity to access and use learning analytics for assessment, which will hopefully lead to improvements in teaching strategies and curriculum, student learning, and student success. While there are no direct benefits of participating in

the evaluation study, your participation will assist us in assessing and improving the effectiveness of the microlearning for future participants.

Compensation

No compensation will be offered to participate in the study.

Confidentiality

We will take steps to protect your privacy, but there is a small risk that your information could be accidentally disclosed to people not connected to the research. To reduce this risk, your Net ID used to match the survey responses will be deleted from the data file after the pre-survey and post-survey data are matched and the personal identifier is no longer needed.

Only aggregated data will be examined, and individual responses will not be identified. Only the researchers within our Assessment Office will have access to the dataset. We will only keep information that could identify you for the limited time needed to match up your responses from the three survey administrations. The information will not be used or distributed for future research.

Research at Kennesaw State University that involves human participants is carried out under the oversight of an Institutional Review Board. Questions or problems regarding these activities should be addressed to the Institutional Review Board, Kennesaw State University, irb@kennesaw.edu.

If you agree to participate in this research study, please indicate so on the first item of the survey.

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