

## **Appendix B**

### **SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Recruitment Statement for Research Participation**

1. Crystal Botkin, MPH, CNMT, PET is inviting you to participate in this research study.
2. The title of this study is “The Lived Experiences of Nuclear Medicine Technologists with Disabilities: From Education to Practice”. The purpose of this study is to investigate the lived experiences of nuclear medicine technologists with disabilities during their educational training and as working technologists. Through one-on-one, semi-structured interviews the investigator will obtain in depth information about the accommodations used and required to meet the educational program technical standards and essential functions of work environments for nuclear medicine technologist students and working technologists, respectively.
3. Your participation in this study will involve the completion on a one-on-one, semi-structured interview. The interviews will take place either in person, or video conference. The in person interviews will take place at Saint Louis University in the Allied Health Professions building, room 3004 (3437 Caroline St, St. Louis, MO 63104) and will take approximately 60-90 minutes. The interview will be recorded and transcribed. The audio recordings will be transcribed by a secure and confidential transcription service, Temi. After transcription is complete, member checks, also called respondent validation, will be performed to solicit feedback from you as to the accuracy of your story and perceptions. You will be asked to review the Word transcript of your one-on-one interview for accuracy. You and the investigator will discuss any discrepancies together to identify transcript changes. These discussions will occur in person if possible or via Fuze Meeting. The member check process will take a total of 3 hours. Two hours for you to review the transcript and no more than 1 hour for the follow up discussion between you and the investigator.
4. The risks to you as a participant are minimal. You will not be asked to discuss anything that makes you uncomfortable or do not want to disclose and may skip any question you are uncomfortable answering. This will assist in lessening the psychological stress. There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality. The information gathered will be analyzed to identify accommodations used by nuclear medicine technologists with disabilities. This data will potentially provide much needed insight into reasonable accommodations in the field of nuclear medicine technology.

5. The results of this study may be published in scientific research journals or presented at professional conferences. However, your name and identity will not be revealed and your record will remain confidential. The investigator will pay strict attention to make sure the interviews are conducted in a private area to maintain privacy and confidentiality. Recordings and transcripts will be saved to an encrypted, secure drive which is password protected until the study is completed, and then they will be erased.
6. Participation in this study may not directly benefit you; however the benefit to society may be providing input that could expand the knowledge and use of reasonable accommodations for nuclear medicine technologists with disabilities.
7. You can choose not to participate. If you decide not to participate, there will not be a penalty to you or loss of any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may withdraw from this study at any time.
8. If you have questions about this research study, you can call Crystal Botkin, MPH, CNMT, PET at 314-977-8592. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you can call the Saint Louis University Institutional Review Board at 314-977-7744 and reference IRB #28977.