

EDEC341 Assignments - Ethics Statement

**** This is the ONLY form to submit. Submitting other forms would be a breach of confidentiality. ****

[This page MUST be completed and included as an Appendix in Assignment 2]

I have obtained the following consents:

Initials	Relevant Consents obtained – please initial all those relevant and put NA in the Initials Column for those that are not relevant
<i>For students undertaking a centre placement of 5 days or more as approved by the Office for Professional Learning:</i>	
	Consent from parents/guardians on behalf of the targeted child if not covered by the service’s policy
	Consent from parent involved in the observations
	Observation Consent Letter from parents/guardians of peers involved with target child
	Consent from educator/non-parent involved in the observations
	Assent from target child(ren) whose play activities were photographed (If photographs were taken as photographs are optional). No photographs of people are permitted.

Add more rows as necessary to acknowledge that each child involved in the observation has “signed consent”.

You MUST initial each point to indicate you have met the requirements stated and you must indicate information specific to your assignment as required in the statements.

Initials	Statement of Ethical Behaviour
	<p>I confirm that I took every measure possible to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of those involved in my observations. It [was/was not] necessary to cease observations because of any concerns.</p> <p>If you needed to cease observations because of concerns please explain briefly what happened, and what you did to alleviate the situation.</p>
	Explanation if necessary:

	I confirm that the signed consent forms are securely locked away in the Centre.
	I confirm that I will destroy the consent forms upon receipt of my final mark for the unit by [shredding / burning/wiping the computer file(s)].
	I confirm that I will destroy any photos upon receipt of my final mark for the unit by [shredding / burning/wiping the computer file(s)].
	I confirm that I have kept the identity of my participants confidential.
	I confirm I have behaved in accordance with the ECA Code of Ethics (2016).
	I confirm I have checked with the Centre Director (or equivalent) to ensure that the permissions I have obtained for photographs of activities in this assignment meet the centre's policy requirements (If photographs were taken).
	I confirm that the no photograph(s) of people have been taken (if photographs of play activities were taken).
	I confirm that I have used pseudonyms throughout the assignment so that identities of ALL people involved have been kept confidential.

Signature

Date

Signature of independent witness

Date

*Please note that the SIGNED Ethics Statement is a guarantee that you have acted ethically as outlined. Ethical behaviour is an essential component of professionalism and we take breaches very seriously. **It is essential you understand the commitment you make to behave ethically when you sign this statement.** Read carefully and make sure you behave as outlined in these procedures. Failure to complete the form correctly suggests that you have not read it carefully, and therefore casts doubt on your compliance to the conditions outlined.*