

Hello!

My name is Dr. Tina Herzberg. I am a professor in the College of Education, Department of Human Performance, and Health at the University of South Carolina Upstate. I am conducting the study, *Identifying Factors Associated with Success in College Mathematics for Students Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision: Insights from Students, Faculty, and Support Personnel* with my colleague Dr. L. Penny Rosenblum. This study is funded by the Lavelle Fund for Blind Children.

Dr. Rosenblum and I are examining the math learning experiences of college students who are blind or have low vision (BLV) through the perspectives of multiple stakeholders. The stakeholders will have met participation criteria in fall 2023 or later. They include (a) college students who are blind or have low vision and have enrolled in a math course, (b) university instructors of math courses who have had a student who is BLV in their course, (c) university teaching assistants, graduate assistants, or math tutors who have worked with a student who is BLV, and (d) employees of disability service offices who have supported a student who is BLV enrolled in a math course. If you decide to participate in the study, you will be asked to spend approximately 30 minutes completing an online survey.

Depending on your background, you will be asked questions about your experiences related to access to, participation in, barriers, and solutions related to math learning for college students who are BLV. You may feel uncomfortable answering some of the questions. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer.

Participation is confidential. Study information will be kept in a secure location at the University of South Carolina Upstate. The results of the study may be published or presented at professional meetings, but your identity will not be revealed.

You will receive no money for participating in the study.

I am happy to answer any questions you have about the study. You may contact me at herzberg@uscupstate.edu or 864-503-5572.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to participate, please go to https://uofsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xjivfWR4tuOYHs and complete the survey. At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you are interested in receiving information about participating in a focus group in 2027. If you wish more information about the focus group opportunity, provide your name and email address. Prior to data analysis, I will separate your name and email address from your survey data to maintain your confidentiality.

If you have concerns about your rights as a research subject, please contact the University of South Carolina's Office of Research Compliance (803) 777-6670.



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