Purpose of the project: This project will promote and support improved students' experiences of capability development in units involving intensive mode teaching (IMT). IMT engages students in facilitated learning activities or classes intensively over longer than a few hours in a day, and over fewer days than a traditional course.

Project team: The project is funded by the Australian Government Office for Learning & Teaching SP14-4624. The Project is led by Dr Sally Male at UWA and also undertaken by W/Professor Caroline Baillie, W/Professor Phil Hancock, Professor Cara MacNish and Professor Jeremy Leggoe (The University of Western Australia (UWA)); Dr Stuart Crispin, Professor Dev Ranmuthugala and Mr David Harte (University of Tasmania); and A/Professor Firoz Alam (RMIT University).

Aim of the project: A good practice guide on supporting the student experience of capability development with IMT will be developed.

Participant recruitment: Participation is voluntary. Teaching team members of units that are taught with intensive mode teaching and units that are taught in traditional as well as intensive mode teaching will be invited to participate in an interview and focus group by email from the project lead through a project team member and the unit coordinator.

Consent: Participants indicate consent to participate by signing a consent form.

What happens to the data? The interviews and focus groups will be recorded and transcribed. The interviewers will remove all identifying details and any personal comments from the transcripts before sharing these with the Project Team for analysis. The transcripts are the property of the researchers and will be stored securely on the UWA Institutional Research Data Store.

Is your anonymity protected? Information that you provide will not be released by the investigators in any form that may identify you except as follows. You may indicate on the consent form that you agree to being acknowledged by name. In this case you may be acknowledged in resulting publications, but your identity will not be linked to comments without additional permission from you to be identified as a contact in publications. The only exceptions to these principles are if documents are required by law.

Can you withdraw from the project? You are free to at any time to withdraw consent to further participation without prejudice in any way. Participants need give no reason or justification for such a decision. In such cases, their records are destroyed if they can be identified unless otherwise agreed by the participant.

What are the risks and inconveniences of the project? There is no health risk involved and the only inconveniences are volunteering your time. Interviews and focus groups will be no longer than 45 minutes each.

What are the long term outcomes? We hope to improve students’ experiences of IMT.

Questions or concerns: Approval to conduct this research has been provided by the University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures.
Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time.

In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Ethics Office at the University of Western Australia on (08) 6488 3703 or by emailing to humanethics@uwa.edu.au

All research participants are entitled to retain a copy of any Participant Information Form and/or Participant Consent Form relating to this research project.