Flowchart for Seeking Ethical Approval for Research or Inquiry Projects

Path 1 — No Ethics Form

Coursework Research
Levels 1
Self-study & reflection about own professional practice.

Level 1
No ethics application required

Path 2 — Faculty Ethics Form

Coursework Research
Level 2
Adult focused, innocuous topic, reflective inquiry using field notes or informal discussion and observation about "normal" teaching activities; child study by observing.
Level 3
Adult focused, innocuous topic, intrusive method using identifiable interviews, surveys or artifacts.
Level 4
Adult focused with a sensitive topic, intrusive method & if involving a special population.

Level 2 Subject Coordinator → Principal or Community leader (Form B for DET)

Level 3 Subject Coordinator → Principal or Community leader (Form B for DET)

Level 4 Subject Coordinator → Principal or Community leader (Form B for DET)
Subject Coordinator → Registered with Faculty Ethics Committee

Path 3 — University Ethics Form

Level 5
Child focused - any topic or method.

Level 6
Research degrees-Honours, Masters, PhD projects.

Level 5
Supervisor & Faculty Ethics Person (14 copies University Ethics Form) → Supervisor & Faculty Director of Research

Level 6
Supervisor & Faculty Ethics Person (14 copies if under 18 or 2 copies above 18 → Supervisor & Faculty Director of Research University Ethics Comm. + DET (in schools)