Volunteer Study Block

We will hold a focus group to discuss sample data from field cases and determine how test data is handled and scored. This group will focus on evaluating guidelines, policies, and rules for scoring timeliness of response and artifacts, estimating data quality, and handling unstable test data to provide guidance for field examiners. Additionally, recent research on screening tests will be provided and discussed with participants.

Pre-registration is required! Please email jpoburke@thepolygraphinstitute.com

- The focus group will be limited to 25 participants.
- Volunteer participants should be examiners, mentors, school instructors, and/or school directors with experience in test data analysis.
- Volunteer participants should have at least 3 years of polygraph experience and conduct or score at least 50 exams per year.

In addition to receiving 2.5 hours of training, there will be door prizes and giveaways for those who donate their time.

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