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INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT

The College of Nursing Students' Attitudes toward Computers at the College of Nursing at King Saud University

You are being asked to participate in a research study about The College of Nursing Students' Attitudes toward Computers at the College of Nursing at King Saud University. You were selected as a possible participant because you expressed interest by responding to the college announcement about a study on the Nursing Students' Attitudes toward Computers at the College of Nursing at King Saud University. Please read this form and ask any questions that you may have before agreeing to be in the research.

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University are conducting this study.

Background Information

The purpose of this research is to examine the attitudes of baccalaureate degree seeking student nurses' attitudes toward computer usage in the College of Nursing at King Saud University (KSU), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Procedures

After the formal approval to conduct this research has been received from both universities, the researcher will make plans to begin the data collection process. The researcher will request to meet with the dean and the faculty of the College of Nursing at KSU. After they have had a chance to ask questions about the research and then voice that they are informed about the study, the researcher will proceed with the data collection activities.

Data will be collected from students at KSU who volunteer to participate in the study. The process for data collection will occur in the following manner. (1) An open letter that explains the purpose of the research and the specific actions that the researcher is asking the students to take will be distributed by campus mail to all students at the KSU College of Nursing; (2) A random selection process will be used to determine the classrooms of students that will be invited to participate in the research; (3) Once the randomly selected classrooms have been chosen, the researcher will approach the faculty member who is responsible for that class at a particular time during the day and schedule a specific time to explain the study and plan to administer the questionnaires to the volunteer students in the randomly selected classrooms; (4) When the researcher enters the class, he will ask if all of the students are volunteering to participate in the study, and then he will explain the purpose of the study to the students; (5) The researcher will read from a script to assure that all students are given the same information in each of the classrooms; the content will detail the actions that are being requested from each of the students; (6) The researcher will emphasize that the data collection process is confidential and that no one at the school or any place else will have information about their responses to the demographic data form and the CSA questionnaire; (7) The students will be informed about their rights to refuse to participate in the study, or to withdraw from the study at any time during the process without reprisals; (8) They will also be told that there are no

foreseeable risks associated with participating in this study, and that they will not receive any immediate benefits from their participation. However, the knowledge and information gleaned from the study will help them in the long term, as well as their fellow colleagues in the future; (9) The students will be specifically instructed not to write their names of the instruments that are used for data collection; (10) When the student completes the measure, he/she will be asked to place the measure in a large 8 x 11 envelope that will be provided by the researcher.

Discomforts and Risks:

There are no risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those experienced in everyday life.

Benefits

You should not expect to benefit from your participation in this study. However, by filling out the forms, you will be helping the researcher to expand knowledge that may help further researchers in the future. In this way, your contribution will help the researcher to develop better understanding that's contributes to the body of knowledge related to the nurses' individuals' attitudes toward computer.

Confidentiality

The records of this research will be kept private. In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a participant. Research records will be kept in a locked file, and access will be limited to the researchers, the University review board responsible for protecting human participants, regulatory agencies, and *sponsors* and funding agencies.

Voluntary Nature of the Study

Your participation is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your current or future relations with the University. There is no penalty or loss of benefits for not participating or for discontinuing your participation.

Contacts and Questions

The researchers conducting this study are Dr. Christine A. Hudak, and Osama A. Samarkandi. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have any additional questions, concerns or complaints about the study, you may contact Dr. Christine A. Hudak at 001-216-368-6315 cah16@case.edu or and Osama A. Samarkandi at 001-412-726-7262 oas4@case.edu.

If the researchers cannot be reached, or if you would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s) about; (1) questions, concerns or complaints regarding this study, (2) research participant rights, (3) research-related injuries, or (4) other human subjects issues, please contact Case Western Reserve University's Institutional Review Board at (216) 368-6925 or write: Case Western Reserve University; Institutional Review Board; 10900 Euclid Ave.; Cleveland, OH 44106-7230.

You will be given a copy of this form for your records.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. I have received answers to the questions I have asked.
I consent to participate in this research. I am at least 18 years of age.

Print Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent [*omit if not applicable*]: ____ Date: _____

Appendix C

Consent Form (Arabic Version)

أخي الطالب/أختي الطالبة

تهدف هذه الاستبانة إلى التعرف على إتجاهات طلاب المرحلة الجامعية في كلية التمريض بجامعة الملك سعود بالرياض نحو إستخدام الحاسب الآلي وذلك عن طريق دراسة العلاقة بين بعض المتغيرات . ويعتبر هذا البحث إستكمالاً لمتطلبات الحصول على درجة الدكتوراه للباحث بجامعة كيس ويسترن ريسرف الأمريكية ، لذا أمل التكرم بإكمال الاستبانة المرفقة والتي تحتوي على 40 سؤال بالإضافة لصفحة المعلومات العامة والإجابة على الأسئلة بكل دقة وصراحة ، وللمعلومية فإنه ليس هنالك أي مخاطر بدنية مصاحبة لمشاركتك التطوعية في هذه الدراسة ، وفي المقابل لن يكون لقرار عدم مشاركتك في البحث أي تأثير على مسيرتك الدراسية بالكلية ، كما أن مشاركتك التطوعية في هذا البحث عن طريق ملء الإستبانة المرفقة ليس لها أي مردود مادي أو مكافآت تشجيعية ، ولكنها ستمكن الباحث من توسيع مداركه المعرفية التي ربما قد تخدم الباحثين مستقبلاً في معرفة توجهات طلبة كلية التمريض بجامعة الملك سعود نحو إستخدام الحاسب الآلي بصورة أفضل.

قد تحتاج لحوالي 20-30 دقيقة لتعبئة الإستبانة ، مع العلم بأن المعلومات والبيانات التي ستدلي بها في الإستبانة المرفقة سوف تعامل بسرية تامة ، ولن تستخدم لغير أغراض البحث العلمي ، ولن يطلع عليها سوى فريق البحث و لك الحرية المطلقة في المشاركة في هذا البحث كما يحق لك كذلك الإنسحاب في أي وقت دون ذكر أسباب ، أو عدم الإجابة على أي سؤال قد لا ترغب (ترغبين) في الإجابة عليه.

يمكنك طرح أي سؤال بخصوص هذه الدراسة وسوف يقوم المراقب المختص مباشرة بالإجابة عليه ، وفي حالة رغبتك في الحصول على مزيد من المعلومات عن هذا البحث يمكنك الإتصال الدكتورة كريستن هودك على هاتف 624-9647 (216) وفي حال رغبتك في الإستفسار عن حقوقك كمشارك في هذا البحث يمكنك الإتصال بالسيدة إيزابيل سانتشز على هاتف 368-6993 (216) أو مراسلتها على البريد الإلكتروني ias5@case.edu

* ملاحظة: للمشاركة في هذه الدراسة يجب الأ يقل عمر المشارك عن 18 سنة ، ملئك للإستبانة وإرجاعها يعني أنك قرأت المعلومات في هذه الصفحة وأستوعبتها وأنه لا مانع لديك في المشاركة.

أشكر لكم تعاونكم ، وأتمنى لكم التوفيق.
الباحث