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Participant Information Sheet

PROJECT TITLE: Using Immersive Virtual Reality (IVR) Communities of Practice (CoP) to support undergraduate student paramedics during Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROVAL NUMBER: H-2020-133

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Sam Willis.

STUDENT RESEARCHER: Sam Willis

RESEARCH SUPERVISORS: A/Prof Edward Palmer, Dr. John Rae, Dr. Lyn Karstadt

STUDENT'S DEGREE: PhD in Education

You are invited to participate in a short online survey that explores how undergraduate student paramedics experience Work Integrated Learning (WIL).

To take part simply follow this link to access the online survey:
https://artsadelaide.sydney1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8iEyRHWxlvdCfYB

Information about the study

This research explores how Communities of Practice (CoP) in the virtual world can support student paramedics in meeting their WIL outcomes and is one phase of a three phase research project as part of a PhD research dissertation. Having a contemporary understanding of the challenges facing student paramedics during WIL will allow researchers to explore how Cop's can be tailored to best support student paramedics during WIL.

Inclusion criteria

You are being invited to take part in this survey if you meet the following criteria:

1. If you are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student paramedic at an Australian University.
2. If you have experienced at least one period of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) during your time as an undergraduate student paramedic.



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If you agree to take part in the survey you will be asked 14 questions about your experiences which should take you approximately 15 minutes. The survey is completely confidential and there are no questions that will identify you. The results of this survey may be published in a peer reviewed journal article and by consenting to take part you are also consenting to the results being published.

Who is undertaking the project?

This project is being conducted by research student Sam Willis, and is being supervised by Associate Professor Edward Palmer, Dr. John Rae and Professor. Lyn Karstadt. This research will form the basis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education at the University of Adelaide.

Why am I being invited to participate?

Research shows that students experiences during Work Integrated Learning (WIL) varies. This research aims to identify how Communities of Practice can be used to support student paramedics during WIL .

You are being invited to take part as you meet the selection criteria of:

1. You are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student paramedic at an Australian university
2. You have completed prior Work Integrated Learning (WIL) with a jurisdictional ambulance service

What am I being invited to do?

Complete a short online survey

How much time will it take?

Approximately 15 minutes

What are the potential benefits of the research project?

The literature reports numerous challenges facing undergraduate student paramedics during Work Integrated Learning (WIL). Having a contemporary understanding of the challenges facing student paramedics during WIL with a jurisdictional ambulance service will allow researchers to explore how CoP can be tailored to best support student paramedics during WIL to help bridge those challenges.

Can I withdraw from the survey?

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate you can withdraw from the study up until submission of your first response.

What will happen to my information?

Confidentiality and privacy: Survey data collected are stored in the Adelaide University cloud storage system. Only the researchers listed in this information sheet will have



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access to this information. *Anonymity*: No personal identifiable data is collected in this survey. *Storage*: All records kept, such as interview transcripts will be stored in the University of Adelaide cloud storage system for a minimum of 5 years. *Publishing*: Data collected from this research may be published in a journal article/PhD thesis/news article/conference presentations/website/ and other report. Any publications will not identify any personal details of participants as we do not collect it.

Your information will only be used as described in this participant information sheet and it will only be disclosed according to the consent provided, except as required by law.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the survey?

Research student: Sam Willis - sam.willis@adelaide.edu.au

Primary research supervisor: Associate Professor Edward Palmer –
Edward.palmer@adelaide.edu.au

Research supervisor: Dr. John Rae – jrae@csu.edu.au

Research supervisor: Professor Lyn Karstadt – l.karstadt@murdoch.edu.au

What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2019-133). This research project will be conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator. If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding concerns or a complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee's Secretariat on:

Phone: +61 8 8313 6028

Email: hrec@adelaide.edu.au

Post: Level 4, Rundle Mall Plaza, 50 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

Consent

Submission of your responses is considered as your consent to participate and that you have read and understood the above information

Thank you for your assistance in completing this research

Sam Willis – Principle Researcher

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