Dear Student,

We are writing to invite you to participate in a study to evaluate the use of augmented reality (AR) lab resources.

The Project

The use of AR lab resources is being introduced this year into the School of Nursing as a part of this project. This study is aimed at establishing the value of the AR lab resources in facilitating learning for students undertaking the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UBC School of Nursing.

What is involved?

You are being asked to participate in this project this term, during which a web survey and focus group will take place. Your participation in this study will require the following:

- Complete an online survey, consisting of open and closed questions, commenting on your experience using AR lab resources to support learning and providing your opinions on the value of this technology in facilitating your learning.
- Additionally, you may also choose to participate in a voluntary focus group in which you will be invited to comment on particular aspects to using AR lab resources in further detail, along with 6-8 other students. You will have the opportunity to indicate if you wish to participate in the focus group or not in the initial online survey. Please note as other participants will be present in the focus group the researchers cannot promise confidentiality in the focus group.

It is estimated the survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, and the time commitment for the project will be approximately 1 hour in total, including focus group participation, or 20 minutes without. The specific dates for the focus group will be confirmed once the term is underway.

We thank you in advance for your time in considering this invitation and participating in this study. As a token of appreciation for your participation all respondents to the online survey will have the opportunity to be entered into a raffle for a $100 UBC Bookstore Voucher, and focus group respondents will each receive UBC gift cards worth $25 at the time of attending the interview.

Research use and Confidentiality

By agreeing to participate in this project, you will be allowing the research team to use and analyze the materials you produce in order to be written up for reports and publications. Please note that the focus group will be audio-recorded. While your identity will be known to other group members and the research team, your personal identity will be kept strictly confidential. Furthermore, no biographical information will be required for the survey or focus group. As other participants will be present in the focus group the researchers cannot promise confidentiality in the focus group. All physical documents and files pertaining to this study will be identified only by code number and kept in a locked filing cabinet in a locked office in the UBC School of Nursing and in a locked cabinet. Any data kept on electronic media (computers) at UBC’s School of Nursing will not include the name or personal details of the individual subject and will be encrypted, kept solely on the computers of the principal researcher, Drs. Garrett. As a research participant, you will not be identified by name in any reports of the completed study.
Contact for information about the study

If you have any questions or desire further information with respect to this study, please contact Dr. Bernie Garrett at 604-822-7443 or bernie.garrett@nursing.ubc.ca.

Contact for concerns about the rights of research subjects:

If you have any concerns about your treatment or rights as a research subject, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at (001) 604-822-8598.

Completion and submission of the online survey indicated that you have consented to take part in the study: Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study without jeopardy to your employment or any relationships with the School of Nursing. No personal biographical information is required in the questionnaire. A printed copy of the consent form is also attached. If you have agreed to take part in the optional focus group activity please sign and return the consent form to Dr. Bernie Garrett (bernie.garrett@nursing.ubc.ca) at the School of Nursing, or bring a completed copy to the interview.

This questionnaire can be accessed at the following link, until the 3rd of December,

http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/bernie-k/copy-augmented-reality-evaluation/

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE SURVEY OR RESPOND BY EMAIL TO bernie.garrett@nursing.ubc.ca IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOCUS GROUP OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Thank you very much for your time in considering this invitation and participating, if you choose to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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