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Research Project
Health professions students’ use of social media

Aim of the research
The research aims to explore first and final year students’ use of social media.

Survey
Participation in the study will involve completing a questionnaire which will take approximately 5-minutes to complete.

Confidentiality
The questionnaire is anonymous and you will not be required to give any personal information that could identify you.

Survey Participation is Voluntary
Please understand that your involvement in this study is voluntary and we respect your right to withdraw from the study at any time. If you agree to be involved in the study, please click on the "NEXT" button below and you will be taken to the questionnaire which asks you about your social media usage.

Questions
The questionnaire items are not of a sensitive nature: knowledge questions have multiple choice answers and free text questions are to gain an understanding of the student perspective about social media.

Use of information
Information from the questionnaire will be used in journal articles and conference presentations.

Upsetting issues
It is unlikely that this research will raise any personal or upsetting issues but if it does you may wish to contact the free University of Tasmania student counselling service on (1800 332 388), or call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Storage of information
Paper documents related to the research will initially be kept in a locked filing cabinet in an office at the University of Tasmania. Any electronic data will be kept on a password protected computer in the researcher's office at the University of Tasmania. Only the research team will have access to the data.

Disposal of information
All the data collected in this research will be kept for a minimum of five years, after which it will be disposed of by deleting relevant computer files, and destroying or shredding hardcopy materials.

Approval
This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Tasmania (Approval No H0015800, Valid to 06/06/2020).

Contact details
Feel free to contact Carey Mather with any questions about this research by email at Carey.Mather@utas.edu.au or by phone on 03 6324 3149.

Complaints
Should you have any complaints concerning the manner in which this research is conducted, please contact The Executive Officer of the Human Research Ethics Committee at:

Tel: (03) 62267479
Email: human.ethics@utas.edu.au

Thank you for considering this request.

Regards,
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Survey

- What is your age?
  Choose one of the following answers

- What is your gender?
  Choose one of the following answers

- Which health profession are you studying?
  Choose one of the following answers.
  If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

  - Biomedical Science
  - Exercise Science
  - Environmental Health
  - Health Science
  - Midwifery
  - Medical Radiation Science
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Paramedicine
  - Pharmacy
  - Dementia care
  - Other (please specify)
  - Other:

- Are you a first-year or final-year student?
  Choose one of the following answers

- Do you use Facebook?
  - Yes
  - No

- Do you use Twitter?
  - Yes
  - No

- Do you use LinkedIn?
  - Yes
  - No

- Which of the following media is your preferred primary source of information?
Choose one of the following answers

- Radio
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Journals
- Online media
- Television
- Other: [ ]

Do you make decisions based on ads that you hear or read in the media from this primary source?

- Yes
- No

Which of the following platforms do you currently use and how often?

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Which social media sites do you think are suitable for study purposes, and why?

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How do you determine the credibility of any social media or website for study purposes?

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What is your favourite social media platform or website, and why?

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