



## PARTICIPATION INVITATION LETTER

**Title of Study:** Global Interprofessional Therapeutic Communication Scale® (GITCS®): Reliability and validity testing.

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Dear Invitee,

My name is Dr. Suzanne Campbell. I am an associate professor in the School of Nursing at UBC. I am kindly requesting your participation in a research study that I am conducting with faculty members and researchers from UBC-Vancouver, Douglas College, Langara College, University of Fraser Valley, Thompson Rivers University and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. This study's overarching goal is to continue to assess the effectiveness of the Global Interprofessional Therapeutic Communication Scale (GITCS®) to teach and evaluate health communication skills. Specific objectives of the study include: (1) Obtaining baseline data on health professional students' and practitioners health communication skills to be used for formative assessment, and (2) Determining the effectiveness of the Global Interprofessional Therapeutic Communication Scale® (GITCS®) as a teaching and learning rubric for use in virtual simulation and clinical environments.

This study involves completing some descriptive anonymous information and one 28-item survey-GITCS® online.

Your participation in this study is voluntary and confidential. The study is completely anonymous. You may decide not to take part or you may leave the study at any time. You also may opt of your data being used for the study. Your decision will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled; it will not affect your performance evaluation, work status, or current or future relations with the local coordinator or your institution.

If you would like to participate in the study, please read the consent letter. To begin the study, click the survey link at the end of the consent form or located on the website.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

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