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Consent Form

Title of the study: Phase 2b Evaluation Testing Interprofessional Dietitian Education for Team-Based Primary Health Care E-Learning Toolkit

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You are invited to participate in the research study entitled "Interprofessional Dietitian Education for Team-Based Primary Health Care" conducted by professors Isabelle Giroux and Jane Tyerman, as well as a research coordinator and two research assistants from the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa under their supervision and also their dietitian collaborators from Dietitians of Canada and primary care settings in Canada. This study is available in English and French.

The purpose of the overall project is to develop, implement and evaluate an innovative interprofessional educational toolkit featuring asynchronous virtual simulation-based learning modules for pre- and post-licensure dietitians to strengthen key practice competencies for team-based primary health care settings in Canada. This project includes two phases.

The objective of Phase 2b of the project will be to evaluate the effectiveness of the online interprofessional collaboration educational toolkit featuring six asynchronous virtual simulation-based learning modules (3 in English and 3 in French) created to support dietetic learners' (pre- and post-licensure) ability to meet key practice competencies for interprofessional collaborative team-based primary health care.

Participation: Your participation in Phase 2b of the project involves you completing three virtual simulation modules. (40 min per module). This includes the pre- and post-self-assessment rubric (5 min), virtual simulation (20 min) and debriefing reflective questions (10 min). Upon completion of each module, you will complete the Virtual Simulation Effectiveness for Dietetic Education (VSEDE) (5 min). You are required to complete all three modules. Total evaluation time will take approximately 2 hours. All module evaluations are not required to take place at a one-time point. You can take up to 2 weeks to complete this portion of the study. Basic demographic information will also be collected to describe the sample of study participants.

Risks and Voluntary Participation: There is minimal risk associated with your participation in this study. It is not anticipated that participation in this study will incur any risk, and by consenting, you have not waived any legal rights in the event of research-related harm. You are under no obligation to participate, and if you choose to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time. You can refuse to answer any questions without suffering any negative consequences. If you choose to withdraw from the study, all data gathered until the time of withdrawal will be removed from the dataset and not used in the study. If you are a student, your participation in completing this study is voluntary and will not affect your evaluation in any course. If you decide not to participate or withdraw from the study, there will be no effect on your academic standing.

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Benefits: Through the evaluation of the perceived effectiveness of the project, the research team will gain an understanding of the effectiveness of the online toolkit. By participating in the evaluation phase of this study, you will have an opportunity to share your perspective to support the optimization of the educational toolkit. In addition, you will have free access to the preliminary version of the new online interprofessional collaboration education toolkit with six modules for testing and evaluation. Through completing the modules, you may also benefit by enhancing your knowledge and skills related to strengthening key practice competencies for team-based primary healthcare teams in Canada.

Confidentiality and anonymity: Your information will remain strictly confidential by the research team. The contents will be used only for the purpose of the project. Anonymity will be protected, and in written reports, your details will be disguised. All participants are encouraged to maintain confidentiality by not providing their names with their answers unless they would like to do so.

Conservation of data: The data collected will be kept in a secure manner. They will be stored on a computer with a secure password. Only the principal researcher, the co-researcher, the research coordinator and two research assistants under their supervision will have access to the data. These individuals will have signed a confidentiality form before consulting or analyzing the data. The data will be conserved for ten years after the end of data collection. Subsequently, the electronic data will be erased.

Ethics Approval: If you have any questions about the study, you may contact the researchers, Isabelle Giroux and/or Jane Tyerman. If you have any questions regarding the ethical conduct of this study, you may contact the Office of Research Ethics and Integrity via email (ethics@uottawa.ca) or telephone (613-562-5387). The REB has approved the ethical components of the project. This project is being conducted independently of the organizations and agencies from which participants may be recruited.

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It is recommended that you (keep/print/save) a copy of this consent form for your records.

Thank you very much,

Isabelle Giroux, on behalf of the whole project team

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