



Information for participants of the research project “Professional Competence in Nursing (ProCompNurse)”

You are taking part in a scientific study conducted at the University of Turku. This notice describes how your personal data will be processed in the study.

1. Data Controller

University of Turku, FI-20014 Turku, Finland

2. Description of the study and the purposes of processing personal data

The study is a longitudinal survey on student nurses' competence in which graduating student nurses, nurse managers and patients are asked their perception on the graduating student nurses' professional competence. The student nurses receive a survey also one year after graduation.

The research project is conducted as a collaboration between five European universities:

University of Turku (UTU) Suomi/Finland: Coordinator

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany: Research partner

Dublin City University, Ireland: Research partner

Vilnius University, Lithuania: Research partner

International University of Catalonia, Spain: Research partner

3. Principal investigator or research group

The responsible leader of the research is Professor Helena Leino-Kilpi. The responsible group at the University of Turku is the ProCompNurse project workers and associates. Address: Hoitotieteen laitos, 20014 Turun yliopisto, Finland

4. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Officer of the University of Turku is available at contact address: dpo@utu.fi.

5. Persons processing personal data in the study

Participants are recruited by research teams in the participating universities. Data is collected by electronic surveys by ProCompNurse team at the University of Turku or pen and paper questionnaires by the partner universities in each country. Data is analyzed by ProCompNurse team at the University of Turku.



6. Name, nature and duration of the study

Name of the study: Professional Competence in Nursing

The information is used to conduct scientific research. Direct identification information is collected as part of the first phase of the research as it is used to contact the participants for the second research phase.

Duration of the processing of personal data: The data is collected between 2018–2019. The data is analysed and reported between 2018–2021. The register will be archived for 15 years after the end of the project with indirect identification information in the Department of Nursing Science, University of Turku.

7. Lawful basis of processing

Personal data is processed on the following basis: The general data protection regulation, article 6 (1), common good/ conducting a scientific or historical research.

8. Personal data included in the research materials

The information is used to conduct scientific research. Direct identification information is collected as part of the first phase of the research as it is used to contact the participants for the second research phase. Direct identification information is collected only from the student nurses and it is removed directly after the second data collection.

Data collected includes:

Student nurses: Name, postal address, e-mail, gender, age, education, profession, work, phase of the studies

Nurse managers: Gender, age, education, profession, work

Patients: Gender, age, reason for being in the hospital (generic), education, carer status

9. Sensitive personal data

No sensitive personal data will be processed in the study.

10. Sources of personal data

Data is received only from the participants them self.

11. Transfer and disclosure of the personal data to third parties

Data is transferred without direct identification information to research partners. Each partner will receive the data collected in their prospective countries based on detailed request to use the national data.

In addition, research data will be stored to the Aila data service administered by the major national Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD) recommended by the Academy of Finland and University of Turku. No data is directly transferred outside of European Union,



but data requests may be done to the Aila data service. Data is stored to Aila without direct identification information of the participants or participating organisations.

Academic Material Transfer Agreement with a data protection appendix is signed with each of the data transfer recipient.

12. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to countries outside the EU/European Economic Area

Personal data will not be transferred outside the EU/ European Economic Area.

13. Automated decisions

No automated decisions are made.

Data protection measures: The data is stored at the Department of Nursing Science at University of Turku. The data is securely stored in password protected devices and password protected cloud service Seafile used at the university. Only the research team members have access to the research data. Pen and paper forms are transferred into electronic form. The original forms are stored securely in locked cabins at the Department of Nursing Science.

14. Processing of personal data after the completion of the study

The research material will be archived without direct identifiers in the Department of Nursing Science at the University of Turku for 15 years after the end of the project.

15. Your rights as a data subject, and exceptions to these rights

If you have questions regarding the research register, you may contact either dpo (contact information above) or the responsible researcher Postdoctoral Researcher, Dr. Sanna Koskinen, smtkos@utu.fi

Exceptions to data subject rights

Under the General Data Protection Regulation and the Finnish Data Protection Act, certain exceptions to the rights of data subjects can be made when personal data is processed in scientific research and fulfilling the rights would render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of the processing (in this case, scientific research).

The need to make exceptions to the rights of data subjects will always be assessed on a case by case basis. It is likely that exceptions to the following rights will be necessary in this study: After the completion of the study, the research material is archived without identifiers and therefore, the controller cannot identify a participant from the archived research material. As a result, right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object are not applied unless a participant can give such additional information which enables identification.



Right to lodge a complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman if you think your personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Contact details of Data Protection officer:

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman
Visiting address: Lintulahdenkuja 4, 00530 Helsinki
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