

Appendix A

Semi-Structured Interview Schedule used with all participants.

Main section of the interview will begin with the question:

To start with, in your capacity as a pre-registration nursing student, can you tell me about your experiences with social media?

Some or all of the following questions – may / may not be used depending on the response to the initial question

Issue to be discussed	Orientating questions	Possible follow up / reflexive questions	Possible clarificatory questions and probes
Social media platform choice	Can you tell me about the social media platforms that you primarily use?	Why do you particularly use these platforms?	Can you tell me more about that?
Accessing content	How do you usually access social media?	Is there a method or device that you prefer?	Why is that do you think?
	Where do you access social media?	Where do you access social media?	What is the reason for this?
	When do you access social media?	When do you access social media?	Why do you think that is?
	For what reasons would you specifically access social media?	Why do you think that is?	Go on
	Who or what type of accounts do you follow on social media?	Why those specific accounts?	Go on
	What type of information do you access and/or find most useful on social media?	Why do you think that is?	Can you tell me more about that?
Posting and/or creating content	What type of information do you post on social media?	Why is that?	Go on
	What encourages you to respond to a post?	Why is that?	Are you able to give me any further detail about that?
	What encourages you to create content?	How does that make you feel?	
Perception, impact, and the meaning of social media	How does social media impact you?	In what way?	Go on.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personally? • professionally your nursing education? 	How do you know that?	Can you tell me more about that?
		How does that make you feel?	

	How important are these impacts to you?	→	Go on
	Are there any more benefits?	→	Go on
	Are there any more challenges?	↗	
What motivated you to start using social media?	→	Why do you think that is?	→ Can you explain further on that point?
What motivates you to continue using social media?	↗		
How different do you think your student nurse life would be if you did not use social media in this capacity?	↗		
Feelings related to its use	What emotions do you typically experience when using social media?	→	How does this impact your use? → Really?
		→	Why do you think that is? ↗
Further information that the student wishes to contribute	Is there anything else you would like to tell me about your experience of using social media as a student nurse?	→	Are you able to give me further detail about that?