Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Reviewers,

We send you a reviewed manuscript.

Concerning the comments made by Dr. Melih Elçin (Reviewer 1)

We agree with the Reviewer: This is not an adaptation study. Within the text, in the Results section, we deleted the sentence “Linguistic adaptation of the INSPIC”.
We also reported the reasons why we did not make the CFA and placed them in the Limitations section, as required by the Reviewer and we have added the references 54, 55, 56.

As for English, the manuscript was revised by a native English-speaking translator; unfortunately we could not send the manuscript to your English language tutorial, for lack of time.

About Dr. Sherry Dahlke’s comments (Reviewer 2) here are the changes made in the text.

1. As for the first point “The term caring has been used in a variety of ways, actually there is a body of literature about caring in nurses, so I definition of what you mean by use of the word would be helpful. I wonder if you are meaning supportive behaviours?” we mean caring as a supportive behaviour for student. We followed the suggestion of the Reviewer. In the background we replaced some sentences with new concepts based on Watson's theory, and modified some references.

2. As the second point “several terms for the teacher (i.e. preceptorship, tutor, instuctor)are used creating confusion. Please pick one and use it consistently” . We have replaced the various terms with the only term “instructor caring”.

3. About the sentence on page 5 line 45 "unfortunately many caring instructors are not aware of their role" We have replaced the sentence with other phrases that express clearer concepts based on Watson's caring theory.

4. About page 6 line 20 “ Therefore …….” We have replaced the sentence with other phrases

5. About page 6 line 45 “less space” the sentence is delated because it was not clear and it caused confusion.

6. In the Discussion section, Page 10 line 50 "We present..." that sounds like you authored a survey tool. We changed the sentence.
7. Page 11 line 33 that begins with "the possible reason.... that is a strong claim. Do you have a reference? We modified the sentence and inserted the references.

8. The sentence page 12 line 57 "It is likely.... doesn't make sense. Not sure what you are trying to say. We modified the sentence and inserted the references.

We also inserted the dataset; we deleted confidential information about students.

All modified parts have been highlighted in red.

We send you in attach the cover letter with all the information about changes we made.

We thank the Reviewers for their comments that surely helped us to improve the manuscript.

We hope to have answered your questions clearly.