ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : A Study of Knowledge and Attitudes of Nursing staff

        toward the Aging in Hospital under Ministry of Public

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The purposes of the research were: (1) to study the knowledge and attitudes of nursing staff toward the aging in hospital under the Ministry of Public Health in Ubon Ratchathani Province, (2) to compare the knowledge and attitudes of nursing staff toward aging classified by the types of hospital, educational levels, experience of nursing training on aging, aged, experience of work, (3) to study the correlation between the knowledge and attitudes of nursing staff toward the aging.

The 383 nursing staff of hospitals under the Ministry of Public Health in Ubon Ratchathani Province were randomized with quota sampling technique. The developed questionnaire and test were utilized as a tool to study the knowledge and attitudes of nursing staff toward the aging with reliability of 0.6939 and 0.7059, respectively.

The results of this research showed that:

1. Most of nursing staffs had positive attitudes toward the aging and had moderate knowledge on aging.

2. Nursing staffs in different age range, experience of work, types of hospital and educational levels had knowledge on aging with statistically significant difference at the level of .05 but there was no difference found in experience of nursing training on aging.

Nursing staffs in different age range and experience of work had attitudes toward the aging with statistically significant difference at the level of .05 but there were no difference found among types of hospital, educational levels and experience of nursing training on aging.

3. Nursing staffs's knowledge on aging had positive correlation with attitudes toward the aging with statistically significant at the level of .05.