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The purposes of this research were to study the self-care agency of nursing students in Bangkok metropotitan area, and to investigate the relationships between personal factors, self-care knowledge, social support and self-care agency of nursing students, and to search for the variables that would be able to predict the self-care agency of nursing students. The subiect consisted of 356 nursing students selected by stratified random sampling. Research instruments developed by the researcher were questionnaires which were tested for their validity and reliability.

Major findings were as follows:

1. Mean scores of self-care agency of nursing students in total and in each class were at the high level.
2. Mean scores of self-care knowledge of nursing students in total and in each class were mostly at the medium level.
3. Mean scores of social support of nursing students in total were at the medium level and each class were at the medium level.
4. Class and social support of nursing students were positively and significantly related, at the low level and the medium level, whereas, monthly expense of nursing students, income of student's parent, parents' education and self-care knowledge were no significantly related to self-care agency of nursing students.
5. Selected variables significantly predicted self-care agency of nursing students were social support and class. These predictors accounted for 20.28 percent ($R^2 = 20.28$) of the variance.

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