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The objective of this research was to study the effects of group counseling on decreasing burnout of nurses.

The sample was nurses in Hua-Chiew Hospital who participated in group counseling. They were selected through purposive sampling into two groups, 8 persons for each. The experimental group participated in group counseling session for 5 weeks, 2 times per week and 2 hours each time for the total of 20 hours. The instruments used in this research were Maslach Burnout Inventory, Nursing Stress Scales and Job Description Index. The pretest-posttest control group design was used. The t-test was utilized for data analysis.

Results showed that '

- 1. nurses participated in group counseling showed significantly burnout scores in after treatment phase lower than before treatment phase. (p < .05)
- 2. after treatment phase, nurses participated in group counseling showed significantly lower burnout scores than that of nurses who did not participate in group counseling. (p < .05)
- 3. after treatment phase, there was no significant difference in job stress scores between nurses participated in group counseling and nurses who did not participate in group counseling.
- 4. after treatment phase, nurses participated in group counseling showed significantly higher job satisfaction scores than that of nurses who did not participate in group counseling. (p < .05)