

The Opinion towards nursing profession of the student nurses  
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Abstract

The purpose of this research was to study the student nurse's opinion towards the nursing profession, which consists of five aspects : the feeling towards the nursing profession, the knowledge and understanding towards the nursing profession, the behavior in relation to personality, the behavior in relation to the nursing tasks and other aspects, including study of other factors related to the nursing profession. The sample were 402 student nurses in their first to fourth year, at Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University. Data were collected by a set of questionnaires which was made by the researcher and her colleagues. The questionnaire divided into two sections, the first part concerning the status of the student nurses. The latter part concerning their opinions towards the nursing profession.

The questionnaire was approved in validity by various qualified nurses. The research findings revealed that : there were significant differences in opinion at .01 towards the nursing profession of student nurses in each aspect of their studying classes. These differences were shown in their knowledge and understanding towards the nursing profession and their own behavior in relation to personality. The feeling towards the nursing profession and the student own behavior in relation to the nursing tasks had significant differences at .05

There were significant differences in opinion at .01 towards the nursing profession of first-year student nurse from the beginning of their study to the end of the first year. These differences were found in aspects of personality and also their own behavior in relation to the nursing tasks.