

Thesis Title	An analysis of Nurse - Patient Interaction in Psychiatric wards
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research, was to analyse Nurse - Patient Interaction in Psychiatric wards. The research sample consisted of 20 professional - nurses who have been working in Psychiatric wards at Somdej chao - pra - ya, and Srithanya Hospitals.

The patient's behavior observation instrument and nurse's behavior observation instrument developed by the researcher, were used to collect data for this study. The content validity of these instruments were done by panel of experts. The reliability of the patient's behavior observation instrument tested by Spearman's rank - difference correlation, was 0.85. The reliability of the nurse's behavior observation instrument tested by Polit and Hungler observation reliability, was 0.87.

The collection of data was done by using participation - observation technique. Statistical procedures; the percentage and Chi - square were used to analyze data. The findings were as followed:-

1. The nurses mostly initiated the interaction. The initiation of interaction performed by both nurses and patients was found in "The conversation concerning patient's problem and general topics."

2. The longest time during interaction was used in the situation of One - to - one relationship and the shortest time was used for greeting to create warm atmosphere.

3. Nurse's attentive behavior mostly showed in action - oriented. Seriousness in emotional tone was mostly observed in nurse's behavior. Focus of the interaction was psychological aspect. However, these interactional behavior had impact on patient's behavior which had changed in the better way.

4. Both groups of nurses who had completed the post graduate education in Psychiatric - Nursing and those who had never attended this kind of program demonstrated action - oriented behavior and seriousness in emotional tone behavior. First group of nurses had concentrated their interaction in psychological aspect, while the later group emphasized their interaction in physical aspect. However both groups of nurse's behavior patterns had impact on the change of patient's behavior in the better way.

5. The change of patient's behavior were highly statistical significant correlation with nurse's emotional tone behavior, moderately significant correlation with nurse's attentive behavior and minimally significant correlation with nurse's focus point of the interaction at the .01 level.