

VARAPORN VONGKULBHISAL : A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILD ABUSE BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL NURSES AND NURSING STUDENTS. THESIS ADVISOR : ASSO.PROF.DR. UMPON SU-AMPLUN, 91 pp. ISBN 974-579-238-1.

This research were designed to study level and comparative of knowledge and attitude toward Child Abuse by Professional Nurses and Nursing Students and to study the level in knowledge and attitude toward Child Abuse perceived by the professional nurses classified by age, marital status, children and work experiences. One hundred and fifty-three professional nurses and one hundred and seventy-two Nursing Students were the population. The research instrument had been validated and tested for reliability. The major finding were :

1. Professional nurses' knowledge of Child Abuse, attitude toward nursing role and attitude toward law were right while their attitude toward family and social was at the moderate level.
2. Nursing Students' knowledge of Child Abuse, attitude toward nursing role and attitude toward law were right while their attitude toward family and social was at the moderate level.
3. Nursing Students were statistically significant difference at .05 level in knowledge of Child Abuse, attitude toward nursing role and attitude toward law than Professional Nurses. However there was no statistically significant difference at .05 level in attitude toward family and social between Professional Nurses and Nursing Students.
4. There were no statistically significant difference at .05 level in knowledge and attitude toward Child Abuse preceived by the professional nurses classified by age, marital status, children and work experiences.