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PROFESSIONAL NURSES' ABILITIES IN PROVIDING PSYCHOSOCIAL NURSING
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The purposes of this research were to study professional nurses'
abilities in providing psychosocial nursing care in hospitals under the
jurisdiction of the Ministry of University Affairs, and to study variables
which would be able to predict the professional nurses' abilities in
providing psychosocial nursing care. These variables were professional values
and service traditional values, empathy, professional support among team
members and nursing experience. Research samples consisted of 289 professional
nurses, from medical and surgical wards. Data were collected by using
questionnaires developed by the researcher. Stepwise Multiple Regression
Analysis was used in the data analysis.

The major findings were as the followings:-

1. Professional nurses' abilities in providing psychosociol nursing
care was in the lower level.

2. Empathy and professional support among team members, were
positively and significantly correlated with professional nurses' abilities
in providing psychosocial nursing care at the .05 level, whereas nursing
experience was negatively and signficantly related to professional nurses'
ablities in providing psychosocial nursing care at the .05 level. There were
no correlation between professional nurses' abilities in providing
psychosocial nursing care and professional values and service traditional
values.

3. The 3.99 per cent (R^2 = .0399) of variance in professional nurses'
abilities in providing psychosocial nursing care were explained by empathy
only.