

Thesis Title Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Primary Nursing System of Professional Nurses in Buriram Hospital

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Abstract

The purpose of this descriptive correlation research were: to study knowledge and attitudes toward primary nursing system of professional nurses in Buriram hospital and to study relationship between knowledge and attitudes of professional nurses regarding primary nursing system. The subjects were 109 professional nurses, working in Buriram hospital. The instrument developed by the researcher consisted of three parts, Demographic data form, the Test Regarding Primary Nursing System (TPNS) and the Attitudes Toward Primary Nursing System Questionnaire (ATPNQ). The reliability of TPNS was 0.75 and the reliability of ATPNQ was 0.88. The statistics used in this study were frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation, and Pearson 's Product Moment Correlation.

The result of the study indicated that:

1. The majority of professional nurse had the overall scores of knowledge regarding primary nursing system at moderate level ($\bar{X} = 28.37$ S.D. = 5.89). The scores of knowledge regarding primary nursing system of professional nurses in each ward (medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetrics - gynecology, eye and intensive care units) were also at moderate level.

2. The majority of professional nurse had the overall scores of attitudes toward primary nursing system at moderate level ($\bar{X} = 107.32$ S.D. = 11.49). The scores of attitudes toward primary nursing system of professional nurses in each ward (medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetrics - gynecology, eye, and intensive care units) were also at moderate level.

3. There was no significant relationship between the overall scores of knowledge and attitudes toward primary nursing system of professional nurses ($r = .15$, $p < .05$). There was no significant relationship between knowledge and attitudes toward primary nursing system of professional nurses in each unit ($r = -.01$ $-.10$ $-.15$ $.10$ $.15$ and $.16$, $p < .05$).

The researcher suggested that in order to implement primary nursing system successfully, it is needed to improve nurse ' s knowledge and attitudes toward primary nursing system.