

**Thesis Title** Research Attitude: Perceived Facilitating Resources and Involvement in Nursing Research of Head Nurses in Northern Regional Centre Hospitals

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## ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study were to examine research attitude, perceived facilitating resources, and involvement in nursing research of head nurses in northern regional centre hospitals; and to study relationships among research attitude, perceived facilitating resources, and involvement in nursing research of head nurses in northern regional centre hospitals. The population of this study were 110 head nurses in four northern regional centre hospitals. Instruments used in this study were the Demographic Data Questionnaire, the Research Attitude Inventory translated from Selby's Research Attitude Inventory (Selby, 1985), the Nursing Research Involvement Questionnaire, and the Perceived Facilitating Resources for Nursing Research Questionnaire. The last two questionnaires were developed by the investigator. Statistics used in this study were percentage, mean, standard deviation, and partial correlation coefficient.

The result of data analysis showed that the head nurses demonstrated neutral attitude toward nursing research. They perceived receiving high level of supports from administrators. Their perception of time for research, budget for research, supports from research experts, and

informative and text-books sources were at moderate levels. The head nurses had very low level of direct nursing research involvement and low level of indirect nursing research involvement. Analysis of partial correlation coefficient demonstrated that research attitude was positively related at very low level to direct research involvement ( $r = .1997, p < .05$ ) and to indirect research involvement ( $r = .2532, p < .01$ ). Supports from administrators was positively related at very low level to indirect research involvement ( $r = .2030 p < .05$ ). Supports from research experts was negatively related at very low level to indirect research involvement ( $r = - .2442, p < .05$ ). The result of this study could be used as data bases for considering ways to promote nursing research involvement of head nurses in northern regional centre hospitals in the future.