

Title A Survey of Nursing Research in Thailand
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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to explore the situation of nursing research in Thailand from the very beginning up to 1987. Data were collected from all apparent research documents by using the data collecting form developed by the researcher. Research projects which conducted as part of education toward a higher degree in nursing education were not included in this survey study. Frequencies and percentages were mostly utilized in analyzing data.

The findings revealed that the first nursing research paper in Thailand was publicized in 1969. The total amount of nursing research was 254 topics. The details of nursing research in Thailand during that period could be summarized as the following.

1. Major researcher

It was found that the largest number of research projects (78.34 percent) were conducted by nurses who worked in various Faculties of Nursing and Nursing Departments under the Ministry of University Affairs, and only 16.54 percent of research projects were conducted by nurses who worked at colleges of nursing under the Ministry of Public Health. It was also found that almost all the major researchers were professional nurses (91.73 percent). Highest

educational background of most major researchers was at master degree level (58.27 percent) and their academic positions were assistant professors (34.25 percent) and lecturers (33.86 percent) respectively.

2. Characteristics of nursing research

It was found that the largest number of research projects (79.92 percent) were descriptive research. The amount of clinical research and nursing education research was found at 36.22 and 31.50 percent respectively.

3. Methodology

It was found that patients/clients were most commonly used as the population in these studies. Selection of the samples were from population (29.92 percent) and utilized purposive technic (26.77 percent) respectively. Sample sizes of most studies were more than 120 (61.81 percent).

Questionnaires were used as the most common instruments (51.97 percent) in collecting data; and percentage, proportion were commonly used in analyzing data (75.20 percent).

4. Funding

It was found that sources of funding for research projects were from domestic organizations (40.94 percent) and from international organizations (36.22 percent) respectively.

5. Research publication

It was found that the year which nursing research mostly publicized was in 1987 (24.41 percent).