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   Professional Law of Professional Nurses in  
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## ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were to study the knowledge and opinions toward the nursing professional law of professional nurses in regional and general hospitals, and to compare their knowledge and opinions interms of age, education, year of graduation, graduated institution, experience, additional knowledge, training, addvice from unit, addvice from nursing council, information tracing, place and zone of working in order to their needs. A total of 387 professional nurses were selected by the proportionaté stratified sampling method using mail questionnaire for data collection. There were 83.72 percent of complete questionnaires returned for the SPSS/PC<sup>+</sup> program analysis.

The results of the analysis indicated that the knowledge of professional nurses in regional and general hospitals was within moderate level while opinions were nearly high. Their opinions on scope of work, and nursing council were within high level while opinions toward law practice and punishment were nearly high. Their knowledge was found to be differences in relation to experiences, additional knowledge, training, advice from nursing council and information tracing at 95 percent of significant level. However, only opinions toward advice from nursing council was found to be differences.

It is recommended, from the study, that the nursing council provide more knowledge on the nursing professional law to professional nurses through special means such as newsletter and handbook. Also, special consideration should be made on the improvement of nursing practice's scope of work to meet the present conditions.