

Thesis Title

The Roles of Community Hospital Nurses
in Providing Community Health Nursing
Field Experience for Student Nurses in
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ABSTRACT

The purposes of this research were to study the expected and actual roles, satisfaction and problems of community hospital nurses in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses. The nurses' expected role, actual role, and, satisfaction and problems had been compared by their educational background and position. In addition, the relationships of expected and actual roles, satisfaction and actual role were studied. The sample was 115 community hospital nurses from 41 hospitals who had been providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses from the five colleges of nursing under the Ministry of Public Health. Data were collected using questionnaires. Statistical methods used included t-test and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation.

The following conclusions were based on the findings of this investigation:

The expected role of community hospital nurses in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses was at high level in all phases. The expected role of the nurses with bachelor degree or higher and the nurses in administrative position were significantly higher than nurses without bachelor degree and staff nurses. ($p < 0.001$)

The actual role of community hospital nurses in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses was at moderate level in all phases. The actual role of the nurses with bachelor degree or higher and the nurses in administrative position were significantly higher than nurses without bachelor degree and staff nurses. ($p < 0.01$)

The actual role of community hospital nurses was lower than the expected role. There was significantly positive correlation between the nurses' expected and actual roles. ($p < 0.001$)

The satisfaction of community hospital nurses in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses was at high level in all phases. The satisfaction of the nurses with bachelor degree or higher and the nurses in administrative position were significantly higher than nurses without bachelor degree and staff nurses. ($p < 0.05$)

There were significantly positive correlations between the nurses' satisfaction and their expected and actual roles. ($p < 0.001$)

The problems of community hospital nurses in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses was at moderate level in all phases. Problem of working conditions was at highest level for all nurses. The nurses with bachelor degree or higher and the nurses in administrative position were significantly different from the nurses without bachelor degree and staff nurses in terms of problems regarding community hospital nurses, instructors and student nurses, but they were not different in terms of problems concerning community leader, working conditions and coordination system.

Based on these findings, suggestions were made regarding in-service training for nurses without bachelor degree and staff nurses to improve their ability in providing community health nursing field experience for student nurses. Also coordination system between the educational institutions and community hospitals should be improved.