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The purpose of this study was to investigate the quality of life of practical nurses at Siriraj Hospital. Nine dimensions of quality of life were used as the frame of study. Four aspects of each dimension of quality of life were assessed ; levels of recent quality of life, levels of satisfaction, need for improvement, and prioritization of the quality of life dimensions. The differences of quality of life among the selected ten independent variables were also tested. Three hundred and sixty two practical nurses were randomly selected as the sample of study. A set of self response questionnaires for data collection was administered by the researcher. t - test and one way analysis of variances were employed for data analysis at $P \leq 0.05$ level of significance.

It was revealed that most of the practical nurses' recent quality of life and levels of satisfaction were at middle standard. They, however, needed improvement of quality of life in every dimension. They rank the importance of quality of life from the most important dimension to the least as follows: family relationship, education, living surroundings, health, security in life and properties, working condition, mental development, food and nutrition, and clothings. All dimensions of quality of life the practical nurses did not significantly differ according to the variables of number of the dependents, amount of debts, and the dormitory's welfare. Eight dimensions of quality of life were significantly different according to their income sufficiency, savings, and housing ownership. The study showed that the practical nurses' recent quality of life did not coincide with the levels of satisfaction. No matter whether their quality of life would agree with their satisfaction or not, they all needed better quality of life in all dimensions. Their quality of life in the dimensions of education and mental development were comparatively low and needed urgent improvement before the others.