

Nursing standard is an important tool used to evaluate nursing qualities because it is a guideline for management, practice, and criteria for evaluating nursing qualities. This study aimed to study nursing standard practice, problems and barriers of nursing standard practices among the professional nurses. The subjects were 222 professional nurses who work in nursing department, Phrae Hospital. The instrument was developed by the researcher which consisted of 3 parts : The personal data; The Nursing Standard Practices Questionnaire; The Problem and Barrier of Nursing Standard Practice. The data were analyzed by frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation.

The results of this study indicated that the mean scores of the nursing standard practice among the professional nurses in Phare Hospital were at high level. The mean scores of the 5 subpart were also carried out at high level. The problems and barriers are caused by the improper ratio between the clients and the nursing personnels. That is the number of the

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clients keep rising where as the number of the nursing personnels decrease. The format of nurses' note was often changed and overlabs. There were too many kinds of it as well. In addition, the nursing personnels did not have enough time to carry out the standard of caring plans. Lastly, the nursing personel were lack of understanding.

The result of this study could be used by the nurse manager as baseline data to the developmental nursing management, service, and nursing personnel. Besides, it makes professional nurses realize the importance, values and benefits of nursing standard practice.