

PERCEPTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF NURSING STUDENTS ON CHILD NEGLECT AND ABUSE

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Abstract

The perception of nurse candidates on child abuse and neglect is important in the planning of the their training to get prevention and early diagnosis of child abuse and neglect. This study is carried out in order to determine the perceptions of nursing students on child neglect and abuse. The sample of the study consist of 679 undergraduate students in the nursing department. 27% of the students are male, 69.1% of them are born in a city, 79.4% of them had nuclear families and 17.5% of them are smoking. 5.3% of the students stated that they had been exploited in the past. The rate of responding to abuse / neglect behavior / situation samples varies between 22.2% and 85.1%. The percentage of undecided thoughts about abuse / neglect ranges from 8.9% to 41.9%. 36.5% of the students think that no parent will harm their own children. However, 87% of them believe that it is required to avoid witnessing in the court for the abused child and the health worker should inform the legal bodies the child who is suspected of being exploited. As a result, it can be suggested that the nursing department students have lessons for child abuse and neglect in the curriculum of the education and get practices for increasing their sensitivity in this subject.

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