ATTITUDES OF NURSING STUDENTS TOWARDS NURSING PROFESSION

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Abstract:
Nursing is a noble profession that requires the total commitment of a nurse to provide comprehensive care to the suffering humanity. The basic concept is still remotely the same but the knowledge required has become greater with the advancing science and technology. Attitude of Nursing Students can be viewed as either positive or negative. However, within the basic division of positive and negative, it can be argued that even the positive attitudes towards nursing, may have negative connotations. We may view positive attitudes as; nurse and the nursing as highly skilled, which involves a caring and nurturing attitude towards others. However, as we all know, nurses are often referred to as “angels” or “martyrs” who have a dedication to a cause and this dedication is viewed as sufficient reward for undertaking the task.

Introduction
Nursing emerged as a profession in the latter part of the 19th century. Historically women have been the principal caregivers of sick family members, although religious traditions such as Christianity also have contributed to the history of nursing. It was not until the 19th century however that nursing began to gain recognition as a profession. In 1960 she established the first scientifically based nursing training school at St. Thomas’s hospital in London. This school becomes the foundation of most nursing programs throughout the western world and marked the beginning of the development of nursing through its establishment of objective criteria for determining the professional qualification.

There after nursing has passed through professional development patterns in different parts of the world to stand as a profession which includes; education in institutions of higher learning.
so as to enhance critical thinking abilities of nurses, development of its own specific body of knowledge and acceptance of the professional to deal with responsibility of providing health care needs of people

Besides the key of professional autonomy, is to function independently of another profession or external force. In the developed world, the growth of professionalism in nursing has been influenced by higher and more specialized education. However, increased level of research activity; accountability and responsibility have contributed to enhance nurses’ status as a profession.

As more nurses obtained baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degrees and research contributions grow the professions specific body of knowledge becomes clearer and more accurately defined [3]. A survey carried out among registered nurses in South Africa shown pay related issues dominates as the main problem at work. Improving pay scales and being paid according to extra experiences, responsibilities and qualification cared improve the nurses working environment

Source of data collection
Primary source:
The data for this research project has been collected through self administration. A Structured questionnaire was framed as it is less time consuming, generates specific and to the point information, easier to tabulate and interpret. Moreover respondents prefer to give direct answers. In questionnaires open ended and closed ended, both the types of questions have been used

Secondary source:
Secondary data has been collected through a reliance web site, library books, journals, magazines and research articles.

Study area
For the study on consumer investment patterns, the researcher selected Sangli city as a study area.
Sampling technique
The simple random sampling technique was used for selection of respondents from the total population of policy holders from Mumbai city.

Sample size
Sample sizes of 100 respondents were selected randomly from the total population of Nursing students in Mumbai area. After the survey was over the data were processed, classified and tabulated in accordance with the requirement of the above set objectives.

Statistical techniques
The statistical techniques like percentage analysis, diagrams and Hypothesis testing were used at appropriate place for processing and analysis the data.

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32% of the respondents have perception of broad scope of nursing profession and 29% of the respondents have perception of broad scope but no demand whereas 39% of the respondents are with the view that Broad scope high demand.

Ho: majority of the customers are satisfied with current profession.

H1: majority of the customers are not satisfied with current profession

Level of significance = 5%

That is Ho: p0 = 0.5 H1: p1 ≠0.5
Data shows satisfaction of respondents with respect current profession

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Z test of proportion is used and Z value is 1.61

We accept $H_0$ at 5% level of significance if $Cal \, Z \leq Tab \, Z \leq 1.61 \leq 1.96$

Here $Cal \, Z$ is less than tabulated $Z$. Hence $H_0$ is accepted at 5% level of significance. Majority of the respondents are satisfied with the current profession.

**Conclusion**

Majority of the nursing students had favorable attitude towards nursing profession. There is also a need to improve the image of nurses in the society to attract more number of students into this noble profession. A significant number of participants of this study believe their colleagues have favorable attitude towards nursing profession. He overall atmosphere of nurses working environment, their professional relationship with other health professionals and the issues surrounding their work satisfaction and consequently their attitude towards their profession is not a one factor problem. Therefore improving nurses’ professional satisfaction requires a multifaceted approach.

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