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Determining the opinions of clinic nurses and nursing students about internship

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Objective: This study aims to determine the internship-related opinions of senior students enrolled in the internship program, which has been added to the nursing program of the Ataturk University Faculty of Health Sciences recently, as well as determining the opinions of the nurses working in the clinics of the studied hospital.

Method: The sample of this descriptive study consisted of 120 volunteer senior students who were enrolled in internship program at Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ataturk University in the spring semester of 2015-2016 academic year as well as 206 nurses, who were working in the Yakutiye Research Hospital and agreed to participate in the research. A questionnaire developed by researcher for determining the introductory characteristics and opinions of nurses and nursing intern students about internship was used for data collection. The number and percentage calculations were used in the evaluation of data.

Results: As a result of the study, majority of the students have stated that their hand skills, knowledge, self-confidence, affection to the profession and sense of responsibilities have improved after the internship. The opinion on the increase in knowledge and skills of the students after internship was at the first place among opinions of the nurses. This opinion was found to be followed by students' adaptation to the profession, increase of their self-confidence, communication skills and sense of responsibility.

Conclusion: Internship program was found to be a useful practice for both the students and nurses in terms of professional development.

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