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Determination of male nurses' professional autonomy levels and vocational belonging

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Objectives: This research was planned in order to determine the professional autonomy and vocational belonging of male nurses who are increasing in numbers in nursing profession in recent years.

Methodology: The questionnaire prepared by the researchers in this study, which is planned according to descriptive research principles measures nurse autonomy level; Nursing Activity Scale and Vocational Belonging Scale using and obtained three different hospital in the same city in Turkey men nurses. Data were analyzed by standard deviation, mean, frequency distribution, Kolmogorov Smirnov test and Student-t test.

Findings: 105 male nurses participated in the study. 33.3% of the participants were working as clinical nurses and 63.8% were working as intensive care/emergency services/operating theater nurses. 37.1 % are pre-licence graduates and 43.8 % are undergraduate graduates. 70.5% of them were willing to choose nursing profession. 56.2 % stated that they did not want their sons to be a nurse. 53.3% are not pleased that they are named as nurse. Male nurses' Nursing Activity Scale average score was found to be 166.53 ± 23.01 and autonomy levels in the medium level (between 121-180 points) was evaluated. The ratio of the nurses who negatively looked at the Vocational Administration Belonging which is the 1st factor of the Vocational Belonging Scale was 70.5%; the proportion of male nurses who were positive to the Vocational Organization Belonging of the 2nd factor was 82.9%; the ratio of the male nurses who negatively looked at the third factor, the Vocational Place Belonging, was found to be 65.7%.

Conclusions & Recommendations: Increasing numbers of male nurses are thought to have a positive contribution in to the nursing profession, which has a Nursing Activity Scale score of 75.2% in the middle level. 52.4% of the male nurses have a negative view of the nursing profession according to the Vocational Belonging Scale. This may be the reason why male nurses have a low number of nursing professions and that the nursing profession is identified with mothers and women. More male nurses are expected to achieve better results in a wider sample.

Biography

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