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A qualitative study on foreign nursing students' problems

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Students who are coming from abroad for college education may suffer different problems such as being a member of a certain group, having a profession, worries about future with a new level of education, living in a new country and adaptation a foreign environment. A semi-structured interview technique was used in this qualitative study which aimed to determine the problems experienced by foreign students who come to Turkey for nursing education. This research was carried out from May to June 2015 in Hacettepe University, Faculty of Nursing. The study reached a total of 5 students with snowball sampling and each participant were interviewed approximately 50 minutes. All 5 participants were female, 2 of them Iranian, 2 of them Uzbekistani and the other one is from Turkmenistan. Foreign students who agreed to join the survey and institution where the research will apply have all the required permissions. In this research, students were asked 6 questions in order to identify their problems by living in Turkey except demographic questions. These questions were configured to redirect the conversation depending on the process of the subject detailed time to time. While two researchers were conducting the study with interviews saving with a tape recorder, at the same time one of the researchers has taken notes during the interview. After all analysis of the audio recordings, all speeches were transcribed by both researchers. Data were resolved by content analysis. "Social problems, problems with being a student in Turkey and economic problems" themes occurred as a result of the analysis. The sub-themes of the social problems has been obtained such as language, procedures applied to foreign nationals, accommodation, security, cultural diversity, the health system and social environment sub-themes. The other sub-themes of the themes is not formed. As a result of the research students who faced problems determined compatibility points to the literature.

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