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Assessment of the entrepreneurial characteristics of nursing students

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Aim: The multidimensional thinking, multidisciplinary working and the new problem-solving methods are essential for the solution of number of health issues. The aim of this research is to determine the entrepreneurship characteristics of the nursing students individually and related factors.

Methods: In this descriptive study, total of 322 nursing students from one private university in Istanbul were surveyed using online survey that includes socio-demographic characteristics and Student Entrepreneurship Scale which was developed by Yilmaz and Sünbül in 2009.

Results: The mean age of students was 21 years (SD: ± 2.11) and 57.8% of them graduated from ordinary high school, 89.1% of students were female. The main score of the scale was 139 (SD: ± 18.33 , Min.: 92.00, Max.: 180.00) which means "high rate entrepreneurship". Students with club membership ($z = -0.51798$, $p = 0.000$, $r = -0.25178$) and students who were planning post-graduate education ($z = -2.144$, $p = 0.030$, $r = -0.11948$) have higher score than others. There was no statistically differences between gender, family characterized, family income, education level of mother or father, career status of mother or father, type of high school that was graduated from, birthplace, career plan, employment perception and the level of entrepreneurship ($p > 0.05$).

Conclusion: Surveyed students have high level of entrepreneurship despite of no entrepreneurship education. Consequently adding the entrepreneurship courses to the nursing curriculum and learning principle of the entrepreneurship to the solution of health problems is considered to be a significant contribute to improve health services and innovative programs.

Biography

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