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A study of humanized healthcare behaviors among student nurses: A sustainable development of caring in healthcare environment

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Despite the fact that excellent knowledge and skills are vital, humanized healthcare behaviors (HHBs) have been acknowledged to be essential among healthcare professionals. The purposes of this study were to explore HHBs and to compare HHBs between student nurses who had engaged in nursing practicum and those who had not. 236 1st and 4th year student nurses were obtained by purposive sampling. The research instruments were self-rating questionnaire asking about the participants' HHBs and an opened-end questionnaire about their opinions regarding HHBs. Results showed that HHBs in 14 dimensions were found in high levels in both 1st and 4th year student nurses. Total HHBs scores of 4th year student nurses were significantly higher than that of 1st year student nurses in morality and ethics dimension regarding duty responsibility. It was interesting to find that 1st year student nurses reached a significantly higher score regarding pride of nursing professional. Sub-scores comparison revealed that 4th year student nurses reached significantly higher scores than that of the 1st year student nurses in the dimensions of service-minded; creation of relationship and trust; establishing relationship in learning processes; supporting and improving physical, social and spiritual environment; and helping in clients' personal needs. Humanized healthcare mindset and behaviors are vital for cultivating a development of caring in healthcare environment. Appraisal of the gap and attainment of the development of HHBs in a concrete ways in health-related curriculum is significant. However, HHBs assessment including more points of view informed from all stakeholders may imply more precise and useful knowledge for nursing education in the future.

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