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The professional behavior of nurses: A sample from Turkey

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The domains of practice in nursing include clinical care, research, education, policy and administration. Nurses apply the attributes of professionalism daily in the context of practice. The study population was all nurses (1358) working in 1 university, 2 states, and 6 special hospitals in a province at Turkey. Before data collection, written consent was obtained from all institutions. Data were collected between July 2015 and January 2016, using questionnaire and Behavioral Inventory Form for Professionalism in Nursing (BIPN). They were given to the 718 nurses. Data were analyzed in SPSS 22.0. Nearly all participants were women (90.9%) and staff nurse (89.6%), half of were working at state hospital (52.5%). Nearly half of had a baccalaureate degree (46.7%). 39.0% had 1-5 years working experience. The most clinical areas where they have experience were medical-surgical nursing (36.5%). The mean BIPN of nurses was 4.25 ± 3.22 . The nurses BIPN scores were low. At the subscales of BIPN; the highest scores were theory development, use and evaluation (1.61 ± 1.20) and competence and continuing education (0.90 ± 0.91). The lowest were publication (0.03 ± 0.22) and research development, use and evaluation (0.09 ± 0.29). There were statistically significant difference between education level, hospital they work, age, working experience, present position with total score of BIPN ($p < 0.05$). The study showed that the nurses' professionalism scores were low. It was found that the nurses who had Master's Degree in Nursing, at 26-30 ages, had 6-10 years working experience, were administrator/supervisor had higher professionalism scores.

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