

Perceptions about ethical role responsibilities in realities of nursing practice

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Abstract

Introduction: Awareness about different dimensions of nursing ethics, its conceptual origins and relationship to practice is essential for good patient care that has to be reinforced among nursing staff. This present study was aimed to evaluate the effectiveness in rendering the perceptual clarity about the ethical concepts relevant to nursing practice and transparency in executing them on patient care among nursing faculty. **Objectives:** The objectives under study were to assess the understanding level of nursing students about general and special aspects of nursing ethics, to compare between understanding and execution of special phenomena's in ethics among nursing students, to find the possible association of knowledge levels regarding ethical concepts among nursing students. **Methods:** Post-test only method of experimental questionnaire study was conducted. In order to get the correct representation; a multi centre study was conducted by lottery method of randomization from Mangalore city. The collection of data in-turn depends upon sanction from ethical committee of the preselected nursing colleges or written permission from each concern nursing college in-charges. **Results:** Independent t-test was used to compare the mean score of knowledge in MSc nursing staff (faculty) and BSc nursing staff (faculty) in ethics. A significant difference was found with $p < .001$, which indicates statistical significance. **Conclusion:** The present study indicates lack of clarity in standard ethical concepts among nursing professionals and suggests a curriculum modification for nursing professionals.

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