

“Image of nursing among students of selected Junior Colleges of Sangli, Miraj, Kupwad Corporation”.

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the study is to assess image of nursing among students of selected Junior Colleges of Sangli, Miraj, Kupwad Corporation.

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the image of nursing among students of Junior Colleges.
2. To assess the opinion of Junior College students regarding nursing.

ASSUMPTION:

Junior College students may have positive image regarding nursing.

METHODS :

A quantitative research approach is used to assess the image of nursing among students of Junior Colleges with non-experimental descriptive research design. Data were collected using structured opinionnaire scale with three points which contains 17 opinions. Section 1 includes demographic variables such as age, gender, father's occupation and mother's occupation. Validity of tool was done by 18 experts from all the specialties of nursing profession. Purposive sampling technique was used to select the sample for the study.

RESULT:

Frequency and percentage was used to analyse the demographic variables. Study shows that 83.94% of students had positive image about nursing. Only 16.06% of students had negative image.

KEYWORDS: Nursing, Image, Profession, Students, Junior college, Opinion

INTRODUCTION :

Nurses 70 years ago were often viewed as little more than order takers for doctor responsible for delivering food and medications, changing beds and bathing patient. Nurses today have much greater responsibilities and autonomy and enjoy an increasingly collaborative relationship with physicians and other members of the health care team. There can be no mention of the role of nurse's in today's complex healthcare environment without discussing the monitoring of patient care and keeping of records. While physicians and other members of the care team do check on patients from time to time, it is nurses who monitor their condition day in and day out. However, the misconceptions regarding nursing profession seems to exist still. The perception of nurses as dedicated ministering angels, this view is rooted throughout the world. This perception still affect the profession today with the nurses expected to work for lower pay than those in comparable jobs, performing highly skilled and high pressure work for long hours and often missing breaks in the interest of their patients. The years ago, a general misconception existed that the profession of nursing revolved around sponge bath and bed pans. That all began to change in the 1800s, as prominent figures like Florence Nightingale began to lobby for better condition and training. Nightingale found that advancing the nursing profession was critical to improving healthcare. However, as revolutionary her work and subsequent advocacy was-she spoke on the issue to anyone who would listen , taking care message as high as the Queen of England it would still be another 100 years or so before nursing came to resemble the profession we know today. Unless nurses themselves establish a public image and professional identity that recognize the value of their professional and educational development, the problem of a "fuzzy" and inaccurate image well continue to exist. There is a strong need for assessing the image, the self concept and the professional identity of nurses in a global context. The outcome of assessment can help nurses develop strategies to achieve a public image that reflects their professionalism.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM :

"A study to assess image of nursing among students of selected junior colleges of Sangli, Miraj, Kupwad Corporation".

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

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NEED FOR THE STUDY:

Nursing shortage found to be a serious issue in many countries globally the World health organisation estimates a shortage of almost 4.23 million nurses worldwide. Aside from the deterioration working conditions the real problem is "Nursing failure to be attractive to younger generation" .there is a decline in interest among college students to consider nursing as a probable career. More than half of currently working nurses "would not recommend nursing to their own children" and a little less than a quarter would advice of the to avoid this as a professional altogether. Another study was conducted on

high school students perception of nursing as a career choice. Detecting enrolments in nursing programs, coupled with the current shortage of practicing registered nurses, promoted this investigation of 306 high school students believes about nurses and nursing findings reveal a projected continuing shortage of nurses based on the very small percentage of subject even considering nursing as a career. A negative public image has a negative impact on nurses self concept and the development of their professional identity the professional aspects of the work nurses perform remain invisible in the media, partly as a result of the dominant position of the medical profession. A standardized professional image provides nurses a sense of pride in their profession and make them feel as if they are recognised for their knowledge and education.

"And if we are considering a medical career don't let false perceptions about nursing, turn them off from a potentially rewarding career".

ASSUMPTION:

Junior college students may have positive image regarding nursing.

METHODOLOGY:

In this present study, quantitative approach is used to assess the image of nursing among students of selected Junior Colleges in Sangli, Miraj, Kupwad Corporation which will give an idea about the level of image of nursing among students. The study findings are presented in numerical form. A population is a representative unit of target population. In this study the samples are students of selected junior colleges in Sangli, Miraj ,Kupwad Corporation, The present study included 500 junior college students. Purposive sampling technique was used to select the sample based on inclusion criteria. It is a form of non probability sampling in which researches relay on their own judgement when choosing members of the population to the participate in their study. Descriptive research design was used for study.

Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of demographic variables.

n=217				
Sr no	VARIBLES		FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE (%)
1.	Age	16-17	114	52.53
		17.1 – 18	84	38.70
		18.1 – 19	19	7.83
2.	Father's occupation	GOV.Job / PRIVATE Job:		
		Driver	14	6.45
		Engineer	13	5.99
		Contractors	6	2.76
		Army	5	2.30
		Electrician	5	2.30
		Police	3	1.38
		Nurses	3	1.38
		Clerk	4	1.84
		Conductor	2	0.92
		BSNL Officer	2	0.92
		Advocate	4	1.84
		Professor	1	0.46
		BUSINESS:	7	3.22
		Pharmacist	6	2.76
		Contractors	4	1.84
		Fabrication work	3	1.38
Catering	3	1/38		
Builder	1	0.46		
Coolie	1	0.46		
broker				
3.	Mother's occupation	Housewife	161	74.19
		Nurse	23	9.67
		Teacher	16	7.37
		Fashion designer	10	4.60
		Laborer	6	2.76
		BHMS	1	0.46

Table no 1 shows that 52.53% of junior college students belongs to the age group of 17-18.1 years.

17.51% of father's of junior college students are businessman. Maximum of mother's ie, 74.19% are housewife.

Table-2 Frequency and percentage distribution of image of nursing.

sr no	Image	Frequency	Percentage(%)
1	Positive	11.5	83.94
2	Negative	22	16.06

Above table shows that 83.94% of students had positive image about nursing. Only 16.06% of students had negative image.

Table no 3- Item wise frequency and percentage distribution

	Agree		Neutral		Disagree	
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
1. Nobel profession	180	82.94931	25	11.52074	12	5.529954
2. Respectful profession.	137	63.13364	70	32.25806	10	4.608295
3. An profession not a occupation	128	58.98618	69	31.79724	20	9.21659
4. Profession for both male & female.	137	63.13364	54	24.88479	26	11.98157
5. Well appreciated profession in the society.	125	57.60369	56	25.80645	36	16.58986
6. Prestigious profession	140	64.51613	42	19.35484	35	16.12903
7. Backbone of the health care system.	135	62.21198	52	23.96313	30	13.82488
8. Essential profession in any society.	150	69.12442	42	19.35484	25	11.52074
9. An independent profession by which nurses make decisions for themselves and patients.	100	46.08295	91	41.93548	28	12.90323

10. Plays a significant role in patient's recovery.	147	67.74194	45	20.73733	25	11.52074
11. Nurses are parallel to the doctors.	120	55.29954	72	33.17972	25	11.52074
12. Profession which provides opportunity for personal growth.	100	46.08295	84	38.70968	33	15.20737
13. Caring profession in which ethical standards of care is maintained.	75	34.56221	120	55.29954	22	10.13825
14. Good career for people who want a secure job.	155	71.42857	33	15.20737	29	13.36406
15. Highly skilled profession.	148	68.20276	39	17.97235	30	13.82488
16. Nursing has its own body of knowledge	133	61.29032	61	28.1106	23	10.59908
17. Nurses are well educated	159	73.27189	39	17.97235	19	8.75576

Above Table no 3 shows that maximum of students ie. 82.94% students agreed that nursing is a noble profession, 63.13% of students agreed that nursing is respectful profession & profession for both female & male, 58.98% stated that nursing is a profession not an occupation, 57.60% of students agreed that nursing is a well appreciated profession in the society. 62.21% of students agreed that nursing is the backbone of the health care system. 69.12% of students agreed the that nursing is essential profession in any society. 46.08% of students agreed it is an independent profession by which nurses take decision for themselves and patients & profession which provides opportunity for personal growth. 67.74% of students agreed nursing plays a significant role in patient recovery, 55.29% of students agreed that nurses are parallel to doctor. 71.42% of students agreed nursing is a good career option for people who wanted a secure job. 68.20% of students agreed that it is highly skilled profession & 61.29% of students agreeing to the opinion nursing has its own body of knowledge. 73.97% of students agreed that nurses are well educated. Only 34.56% of are agreed to the opinion nursing is a caring profession in which ethical standards of care is maintained and maximum 55.29% remained neutral.

RECOMANDATIONS:

- Similar study can be conducted on larger sample size.
- Comparative study can be conducted among urban and rural students.

- Similar study can be conducted among various other profession to find out the image of nursing among them.

CONCLUSION:

This chapter discussed about the analysis and interpretation of collected data. Frequency and percentage calculated for demographic variables. Study shows that 83.94% of students had positive image about nursing. Only 16.06% of students had negative image.

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