

“A Study to Assess the Attitude and Perception towards Nursing Profession among Community People in Selected Community, Guwahati Assam ’

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“When a person decide to become a Nurse , they make the most important decision in their lives .They choose to dedicate themselves to the care of others”

ABSTRACT

Nursing is a noble profession, which requires loving hearts & deserve for compassionate care. Today there are numerous vocations & occupations available to an individual to choose. But vocational interest & choice of a career do not appear all of a sudden. They emerge as a result of the developmental process

The aim of the study is to determine the attitude and Perception among community people towards Nursing Profession.

The objectives of the study includes, to assess attitude, to assess perception, to find the association between attitude and perception among selected demographic variables. The study is a non- experimental descriptive research design. The study was conducted in selected villages of Guwahati,Assam. A total of 160 subjects were taken by using Simple random sampling techniques. Socio demographic performa, self structured tools were used for assessing attitude and perception among community people towards Nursing Profession.

Keywords: Attitude, Perception, communitypeople ,Nursing profession

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Back ground of the study

In India, the picture of nursing profession is changing day by, day, while nursing profession still suffers a mild degree of so called stigma in certain states of the counter. In India about 90% of people have minimum knowledge regarding nursing. They consider nursing to be a simple task and that anyone can be a nurse. They consider nurses to be physician’s assistants and perform menial work like cleaning, bathing, and grooming of patients.

The public image of an occupation determines its financial remuneration & also the type of person who will enter it. When stepping out the gates of school or college, there is wide variety of careers available &awaiting for youngsters. Young people have career ideas of their own. Many youngsters, in spite of the wide range of career choices, instinctively opt for engineering or

medicine. One reason could be lack of information. Especially in the case of nursing many studies reveal that most adolescents are aware of the calling & helping nature of nursing but have little knowledge about the diverse nursing career opportunities in teaching, management & administration.

Problem Statement

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Objectives

1. To assess attitude.
2. To assess perception .
3. To find the association between attitude and perception among selected demographic variables.

Purpose

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Methodology

Research Approach

The descriptive research approach was adopted.

Variables

Research variable

Attitude and Perception regarding Nursing Profession

Demographic Variable

Age, sex, religion, occupation

Assumption

1. Community people may not have positive attitude towards nursing profession.
2. Community people may have wrong perception towards nursing profession.

Setting of the Study

The setting of the study was Chandrapur Village, Guwahati Assam.

Population

In this study target population comprised of all the community people of Chandrapur Village, Guwahati Assam.

Sample

the community people of Chandrapur Village, Guwahati Assam

Sampling Criteria

Simple Random Sampling technique was adopted for the present Study.

Sample Size

The sample size was 160 number of community people of Chandrapur Village, Guwahati Assam.

Data Collection Tools

The following tools were used

1. **Tool I:**Demographic Proformato know the sample characteristics, It include total 4 items after validation and suggestion given by expert.
2. **Tool II:** Structured 5 Points likert scale was used to assess the attitude towards nursing profession.
3. **Tool III:**Structured 5 Points likert scale was used to assess the perception towards nursing profession.
4. **Validity of the Tool**

To determine the content validity, the draft if tool along with the criterion checklist was submitted to five experts from different field of nursing .2 from the field of medical surgical nursing ,2 from the field of Psychiatric nursing and one more from the field of Community health nursing .

Reliability and Pretesting

The reliability of the tool I was done by using Cronbach’s alpha and the ‘r’ value was found 0.83. The reliability of the tool II was established by administering the tool II to 20 number of student and it was calculated by using Split Half technique and correlation was computed by using ‘Sperman Brown Prophecy’ and the ‘r’ value was found 0.86.So it was found that both the tool was reliable for the study .

Review o literature

The review of literature was done under two headings

5. Studies Related to the attitude towards nursing profession.
6. Studies Related to perception towards nursing profession.

• Major findings of this study

1. Demographic data of the sample
 - a. **Age :**Majority of the sample that is 68% from the age group of 22 – 25 years of age .
 - b. **Sex :**Majority of the sample belongs to female gender that is 78% .
 - c. **Religion :**Under religion 80% were Hindu, 11% were Christian and rest 9% were belongs to Muslim religion .
 - d. **Occupation:** Under occupation 44% were student , 18% were house wives , 12% were government employee and rest 26% worked in cooperate sectors .

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profession, and 0.9% strongly disagree that nursing is an Nobel profession. 41.4% population strongly agreed that nursing profession is only for female whereas only 2.6% strongly disagree. 59.8% strongly agree Nursing is a Profession to take care of people whereas 0.9% strongly disagree. 20.5% strongly agree, 40.2% agree that nurses are independent to take decisions in emergency situations where as 3.4% strongly disagree. 49.6% strongly agree that nursing profession is a challenging profession where as 1.7% is strongly disagree . 55.6% strongly agree that Demand hard-work where as 1.7 % disagree. 48.3% agree that Demand critical thinking where as 5.2% disagree. 14.7% strongly agree 53.4% Agree rely on physician order where as 0.9% strongly disagree. 34.2% disagree ,6.8% strongly disagree and 23.9% were agree nurses follow orders without questioning . 45.3% Strongly agree and 5% strongly disagree that nursing profession always concern with professional growth. 52.6% people were strongly agree that nursing profession have wide scope where as 3.5% were strongly disagree. 48.3% were agree that need effort effort to enter in nursing profession , 31.9% agree with this and 5% were strongly disagree . 50% agree that nursing profession have lots of job opportunities, where as 33% were strongly agree and 5.5% strongly disagree .34.5% strongly agree that pay in nursing is not reasonable according to work load, 28% were agree and 5% were strongly disagree. 40% neutral about their opinion regarding preferring nursing over all the profession where as 15% strongly agree and 3% strongly disagree.

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The findings shows that 52% were having strong willingness, 36% were ready to think and 12% were undecided.

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64% were strongly agree that nursing have opportunity to serve humanity and 34% agree with it. 49% agree that it is an opportunity for personal growth, 34% strongly agree with it and 3% disagree.

66.1% strongly agree that it is a caring profession, 32.2% agree with it.

50% strongly agree that nursing profession is a way to get recognition in society ,25% strongly agree and 7% disagree with it .

53% strongly agree that nursing profession is dignified and respectful profession, 35% agree with it and 2% strongly disagree .

51% agree that nursing profession means to earn more knowledge ,42% strongly agree and 6% disagree with it.

43% agree that it is equal recognition with other health care worker ,33% strongly agree and 4% strongly disagree .

43% disagree that nursing profession is a womens profession ,22% neutral about it and 13% strongly disagree.

47% strongly disagree that it is similar to cleaner job, 28% disagree and 6%stronglt agree.

45 %disagree that nursing profession only to assist doctors ,5% strongly agree and 25% neutral about it.

35% disagree that no appreciation from society including patients and relatives ,6% strongly agree and 13% strongly disagree.

37% neutral about that it is an independent profession because nurse cannot make their own decision regarding patient care, 33% agree with that and 22% disagree.

47% disagree that nursing profession is not important in patient care and 45.6% strongly disagree with it.

42% disagree that it is the one profession “I will never encourage anybody to take’ and 36% strongly disagree and 5% strongly agree.

43.5% agree that it is a risky profession ,16% disagree ,6% strongly disagree and 19 % strongly agree .

42% disagree that this profession have negative image in society,27% strongly disagree and 5% strongly agree .

62% agree that it has a good professional advancement where as 18% strongly agree and 6% disagree.

65% agree that nursing profession has good career opportunities, 27% strongly agree and 2% disagree ,1% strongly disagree.

53% agree that it has opportunities to work in other countries ,32% strongly agree and 2% strongly disagree .

Discussion

In this study we have found that attitude towards Nursing Profession among community people in Chandrapur village , Guwahati Assam.. 69.8% Population strongly agreed that nursing is an Noble profession, and 0.9% strongly disagree that nursing is an Nobel profession. 41.4% population strongly agreed that nursing profession is only for female whereas only 2.6% strongly disagree. 59.8% strongly agree Nursing is a Profession to take care of people whereas 0.9% strongly disagree. 20.5% strongly agree, Assessment of perception towards nursing profession among community people in Chandrapur village , Guwahati Assam.

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Similarly a study conducted by P.Vijayalakshmi,R.Ramachandra,K.Reddemma,M.Suresh (2012) This cross sectional study assessed the attitudes and perceptions of nursing professionals and their desired future practices. The study was conducted using a modified version of Beliefs, Attitudes and Perceived Practice questionnaire among 129 students who were undergoing undergraduate nursing programme at a selected college of nursing in Bangalore. Data was analysed and interpreted by using descriptive and inferential statistics. Forty-four (34.1%) of the

subjects agreed that they were enrolled of their own interest; 43 (33.3%) of them reported that they enrolled in nursing out of their own interest and also to improve their financial situations. Only 4 (3.1%) stated that they have to protect the rights and dignity of the patients. 45 (34.9%) of the subjects indicated that the nurse-patient relationship should be both professional and a relation of sympathy. Upon graduation 69 (53.5%) of the subjects preferred to pursue the nursing career, 36 (27.9%) in academics, 12 (9.30%) wanted to change the profession. Nearly 63 (48.8%) of the subjects agreed that social prejudice has a great influence on nursing students in choosing nursing profession as their career. An urgent need is seen in the area of educating nursing students regarding patient's rights. There is also a need to improve the image of nurses in the society to attract more number of students into this noble profession. Counselling and introduction to nursing course should be introduced by all the universities, to develop positive attitudes towards nursing profession.

Conclusion

Nurses play a vital role in the healthcare system, providing continuous 24-hour care to hospitalized patients. Nurses have also established themselves as an essential element of other disciplines within the hospitals. Despite the significant role of the nursing staff, there is a shortage of nurses worldwide.

In India, the picture of nursing profession is changing day by day, while nursing profession still suffers a mild degree of so called stigma in certain states of the counter. In India about 90% of people have minimum knowledge regarding nursing. They consider nursing to be a simple task and that anyone can be a nurse. They consider nurses to be physician's assistants and perform menial work like cleaning, bathing, and grooming of patients. In this study we have found that attitude towards Nursing Profession among community people in Chandrapur village , Guwahati Assam.. 69.8% Population strongly agreed that nursing is an Noble profession, and 0.9% strongly disagree that nursing is an Nobel profession

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