

A Descriptive Study to Assess the Knowledge and Attitude Regarding Higher Education among Nursing Students in Selected Nursing College, Meerut

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Abstract: *Statement of the Problem:* "A descriptive study to assess the knowledge and attitude regarding higher education among nursing students in selected colleges, Meerut". *Objectives:* 1) To assess the knowledge and attitude regarding higher education among nursing students. 2) To find out the association between the level of knowledge and attitude regarding higher education among nursing students with their selected socio demographic variables. *Methodology:* A Quantitative research approach and descriptive research design was used in this study. Sample size comprised of 80 undergraduate and postgraduate students and the sample was selected by random sampling technique. Self structured questionnaires used to collect the data. The gathered data was analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics. *Result:* The findings show that out of total 80 samples 16 (20%) were having poor knowledge and attitude, 43 (53.7%) were having average knowledge and attitude, 21 (26.2%) were having good knowledge and attitude regarding higher education. The chi square test shows that there was significant association between knowledge and attitude score with their selected socio demographic variables regarding higher education among the course of study of the individual. *Conclusion:* The study revealed that the undergraduate students were having average Knowledge and Attitude regarding Higher Education. There was a significant association between knowledge and attitude score with their course of study.

Keywords: Knowledge, Attitude, Higher education, Nursing students

1. Introduction

Nursing is a Nobel profession it required loving heart and deserve for compassionate care. It is one of the most delightful arts which need blending of knowledge skills and values. The declaration of alma Alta in 1978 "health for all by 2000 AD" made a great impact on all professional related to health care committed to this cause there is a great need for more and more nursing man power to meet the increasing demands to provide comprehensive and quality health to the population.

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Objectives:

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Hypothesis: There is association between the level of knowledge and attitude score with their selected socio demographic variables.

2. Methodology

Qualitative research approach and Descriptive survey design was adopted. Simple random sampling technique was used. Setting of the study was Panna Dhai Maa Subharti Nursing College, Meerut. Sample size was 80 which included the GNM iii yr and PBBSc ii yr. The samples were given introduction about the topic and consent was obtained and were assessed by three section of tools. Section A: Demographic variables. Section B: Self administered knowledge questionnaire. Section C: Self administered attitude questionnaire. Ethical Consideration: Ethical permission was obtained from the institutional ethical committee.

3. Results

Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of demographic characteristics of the subjects

S No.	Socio Demographic Variables.	Frequency (F)	Percentage (%)
1	GENDER		
	a) Male	28	35%
	b) Female	52	65%
2	RELIGION		
	a) Hindu	47	58.7%
	b) Muslim	23	28.7%
	c) Sikh	3	3.75%
	d) Christian	7	8.75%
4	COURSE		
	a) G. N. M 3RD YEAR	49	61.2%

	b) Post BSC 2nd year	17	21.2%
	c) M. SC 2nd year	14	17.5%
5	AREA OF INTEREST		
	a) Teaching	21	26.2%
	b) clinical	45	56.2%
	c) others	14	17.5%
6	MARITAL STATUS		
	a) Married	17	21.2%
	b) Unmarried	63	78.7%

Table 1 shows the frequency and percentage of demographic data of the subjects. According to Gender, 65% are female and 35% are Male. Regarding religion maximum is Hindus with 58.7% and minimum of Sikh with 3.75%. 56.2% have the area of interest on clinicals when compared to teaching with 26.2%.

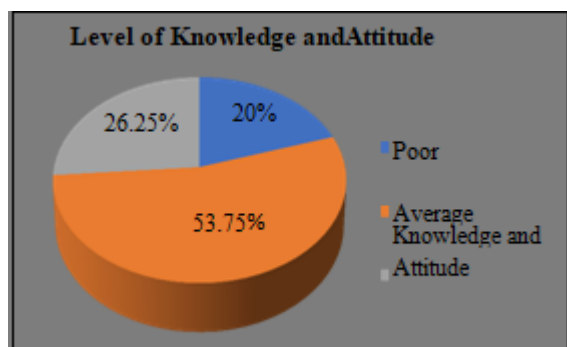


Figure: Level of Knowledge and attitude level regarding higher education among nursing students

The figure revealed that 53.75% of the samples had Average knowledge and attitude regarding higher education and 26.25% had Good knowledge and attitude regarding higher education. There was significant association between level of knowledge and attitude with their selected demographic variables of course of study with chi square Value 10.63.

4. Implications of the Study

Nursing Practice

The present study can be helpful for staff development, it would be beneficial for the enhancement of career development, job satisfaction, and encouragement for pursuing refresher courses or diploma programmes to update knowledge and skills and also for advancement of nursing services.

Nursing Education:

Nursing education can conduct more of research studies on the educational demands of nurses to update the various nursing educational opportunities on a regular basis.

Nursing students must be encouraged and valued for their ability to advancement in nursing education and also in health care delivery system.

Nursing Administration:

The nurse administration can organize program to create awareness related to benefits of higher education and to asses level of knowledge and attitude and to arrange in - service education programme and to provide equal opportunities for updating their knowledge and practice with

current information and changing trends for providing quality care.

Nurse administrator can organize continuing education program regarding Higher education

Nurse administrator can prepare Structured Teaching module

Nursing Research:

- Nursing research is an essential aspect of nursing norms and a body of knowledge. There is need to conduct further research study to assess knowledge and attitude regarding Higher education among nursing students.
- Nursing research should be directed towards the further exploration and update knowledge of nursing students towards higher education.

5. Conclusion

On the basis of present study findings the researcher found that the 53.7% nursing students were having average knowledge and attitude and 26.2% of nursing students have favourable knowledge and attitude regarding higher education. So more focus on in - service programmes and continuing education should be given to increase the attitude among nursing students regarding pursuing of higher education.

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