

Covid-19 and continuing nursing education a mini review

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the resilience of health systems to a significant extent at a global level, highlighting many times inherent and acquired weaknesses, such as understaffing, insufficient up-to-date knowledge for crisis management.

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to descriptively review the continuing education of nurses for COVID-19.

Materials and Methods: A narrative mini review of the published literature over the last 15-years in Greek and English was carried out via Medline, Scopus, and Google Scholar databases. The study includes articles delving into continuing nursing education as well as nursing care for patients with COVID-19.

Results: Nurses, in the context of their continuing education regarding COVID-19, are to be able, and knowing the pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of the disease, to diagnose the active and potential problems of patients. Therefore, they can solve them by applying appropriate interventions. Continuing nursing education could help mitigate this global upheaval and the impact on patients, health staff and the health system in general. **Conclusions:** Ongoing nursing education programs regarding COVID-19 help nurses develop appropriate up-to-date scientific skills, enabling them to provide more effective health care.

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