

Acceptance of death as a life attitude for nurses and nursing students

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: To determine the level of acceptance of death as an approach to life among nurses and nursing students.

Materials and methods: The study was conducted among 300 nurse and students (nursing and other). The study used a diagnostic survey method. The tool used in the research was the Scale of Acceptance of Death from Life Attitude Profile – Revised (LAP-R). The results were analyzed statistically and with the statistical verification of hypotheses.

Results: The acceptance level of death among nurses is low. There are significant differences

between the level of acceptance of death between nurses and students ($p < 0.05$). The students' results were significantly lower than nurses. Nursing students also scored significantly lower scores on this scale than students in other fields. Seniority does not affect the severity of attitude.

Conclusions: Communing with death, disease, and dying in the work environment seems to be a significant factor influencing the level of acceptance of a person's own mortality.

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