

A Study of the Relationship Between Nurses' Professional Self-Concept and Professional Ethics in Hospitals Affiliated to Jahrom University of Medical Sciences, Iran.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND:

Commitment to ethics usually results in nurses' better professional performance and advancement. Professional self-concept of nurses refers to their information and beliefs about their roles, values, and behaviors. The objective of this study is to analyze the relationship between nurses' professional self-concept and professional ethics in hospitals affiliated to Jahrom University of Medical Sciences.

METHODS:

This cross-sectional-analytical study was conducted in 2014. The 270 participants were practicing nurses and head-nurses at the teaching hospitals of Peimanieh and Motahari in Jahrom University of Medical Science. Sampling was based on census method. Data was collected using Cowin's Nurses' self-concept questionnaire (NSCQ) and the researcher-made questionnaire of professional ethics.

RESULTS:

The average of the sample's professional self-concept score was 6.48 ± 0.03 out of 8. The average of the sample's commitment to professional ethics score was 4.08 ± 0.08 out of 5. Based on Pearson's correlation test, there is a significant relationship between professional ethics and professional self-concept ($P=0.01$, $r=0.16$).

CONCLUSION:

In view of the correlation between professional self-concept and professional ethics, it is recommended that nurses' self-concept, which can boost their commitment to ethics, be given more consideration.