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A study to assess attitude and perception towards nursing profession among male nursing students

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Abstract

Objective: To assess the attitude towards nursing profession among male nursing students, to assess the perception towards nursing profession among male nursing students, to find out significance association between the attitude and perception with selected demographic variables among male nursing students towards nursing profession.

Design: Exploratory survey design is used in this study.

Sample: In this study, samples are male nursing students of 1st year to 4th year B.Sc. Nursing of selected nursing colleges where sample size is 90 male nursing students.

Result: This study concludes that male nursing students have an average attitude and perception towards the nursing profession. This also concludes that there is significant association between some demographic variables with attitude and perception. Chi square statistics show association between age, religion, marital status and enrollment in nursing with the attitude of male nursing students. Where the statistical evidence from the study did not shown association between caste, education, locality and family income with attitude of male nursing students. Statistical data also showed association between marital status and education with perception of male nursing students. Where the statistical evidence from the study did not showed association between age, caste, religion, locality, family income, enrollment in nursing with perception of male nursing students towards nursing profession.

Keywords: Attitude, perception, nursing profession

Introduction

Statement of problem: “A study to assess attitude and perception towards nursing profession among male nursing students of selected nursing colleges in Navi Mumbai.”

Research objectives

- To assess the attitude towards nursing profession among male nursing students.
- To assess the perception toward nursing profession among male nursing students.
- To find out the significant association between attitude and perception with selected demographic variables among male nursing students toward nursing profession.

Research Approach: A quantitative non experimental approach is used.

Sample and sample size: Sample of study will be male nursing students from 1st to 4th year B.Sc. Nursing of selected Nursing Colleges in Navi Mumbai. Sample size is 90 male nursing students.

Sampling technique: The sampling technique employed for the study was Non probability convenience sampling technique. The samples were selected as per the availability and criteria laid down for sample selection.

Tool and technique for data collection

Structure questionnaire and checklist is used as tool. The tools used for data collection consisted of such as, demographic data, assessing attitude and perception. The tools were developed by systemic and step by step procedure. The structured questionnaire and

checklist was developed to identify the knowledge, attitude and perception among male nursing students.

Validity

To establish the content validity the prepared tool was given to 4 experts from the field of nursing. Their suggestions were incorporated. The changes were made in section of demographic data (age), attitude and perception.

Significant findings of the study

Finding related to distribution of sample regarding demographic data

With regard to age of the subject in male nursing students, majority 46 (51.11%) are in the age group of 20-22 yrs, With regards to caste of nursing students, majority 44 (48.89%) were OBC caste, With regard to religion, majority 83 (93.22%) students belongs to Hindu religion, The marital status of male nursing students showed that 89 (98.89%) of students are unmarried, Educational qualification of group is undergraduate nurses and out of them majority of the students is 30(33.34%) 3rd year B.Sc. Nursing, students who have enrolled in nursing is mainly from urban area 65(72.22%), According to family income majority is 27 (30%) Rs. 15001 to 30000 per month, 26 (28.89%), Undergraduate students mainly enrolled in nursing by the influence from the family that is 54 (60%).

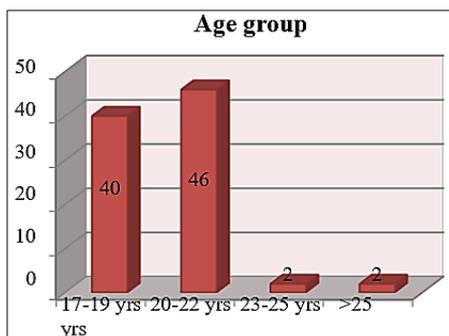


Fig 1: Graphical representation of age of students

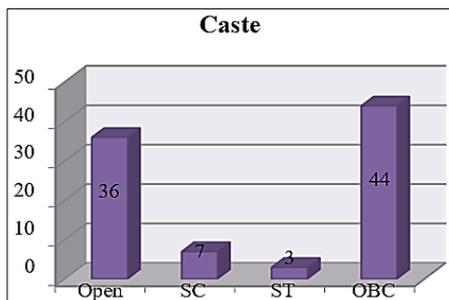


Fig 2: Graphical representation of caste of students

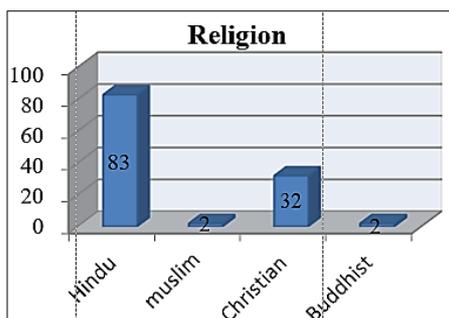


Fig 3: Graphical representation of religion of student's

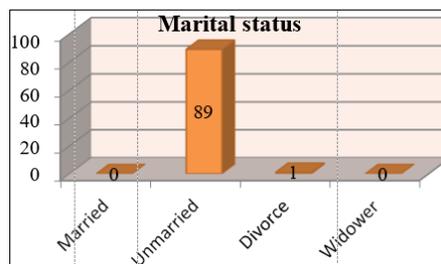


Fig 4: Graphical representation of marital status of students

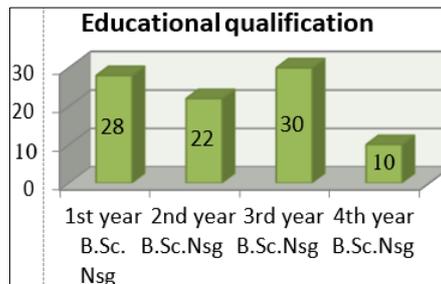


Fig 5: Graphical representation of educational qualification of students

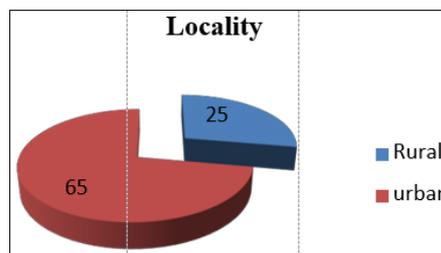


Fig 6: Pie chart for locality representation of students

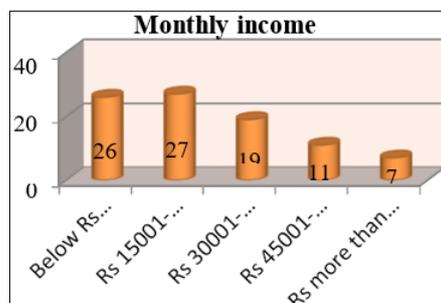


Fig 7: Graphical representation of family monthly income

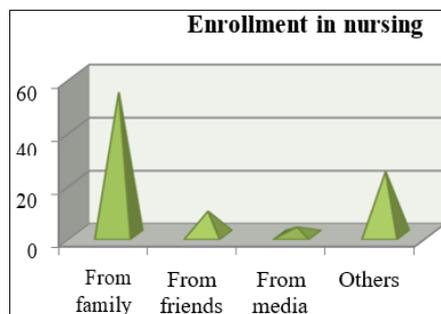


Fig 8: Graphical representation of how students got enrolled in nursing

Findings related to distribution of sample regarding attitude towards nursing profession. As we scored students response

on attitude questionnaire on attitude scale out of 100 and we got students response as follows: 2 students scored between 41-60, 46 students scored between 61- 80, 42 students scored between 81-100. Hence average attitude score of the students is 78.89(approx 79).

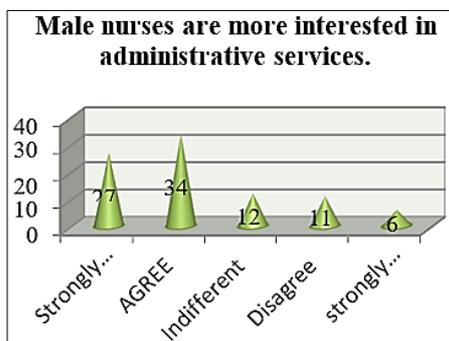


Fig 9: Graphical representation of attitude of male nursing students towards the administrative services.

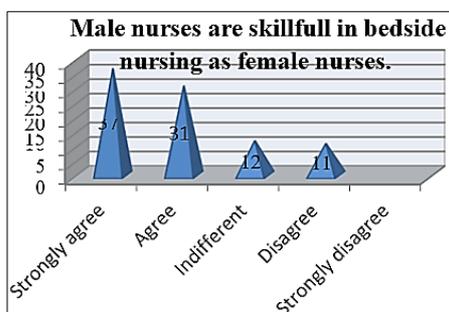


Fig 10: Graphical representation of attitude of male nursing students towards Skillfulness in bed side nursing

Findings related to distribution of sample regarding perception of male nursing students towards nursing profession.

We used checklist (yes/no) to assess samples perception towards nursing profession. We marked samples response out of 20 and the response is as follows: 1 student scored between 0-5, 13 students scored between 6-10, 53 students scored between 11-15 and 23 students scored between 16-20. Hence an average perception score of the students is 13.48(approx 14).

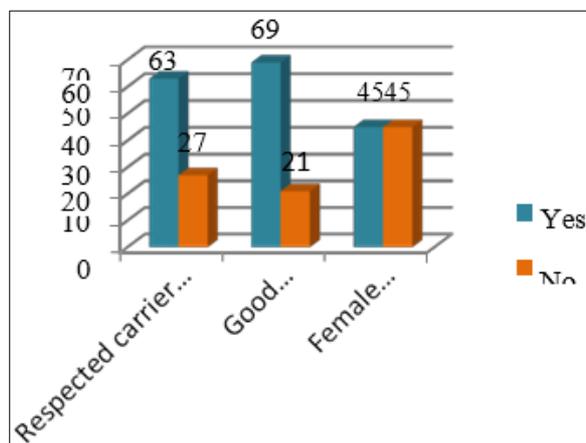


Fig 11: Graphical Representation of Perception of Male Nursing Students I

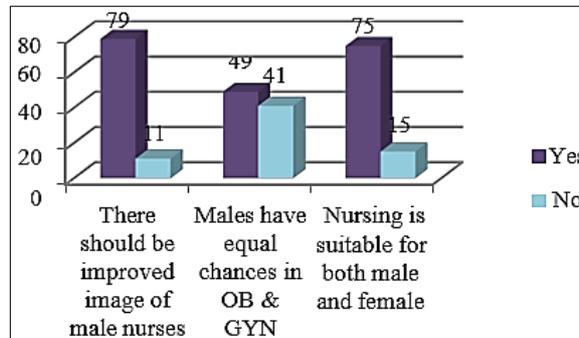


Fig 12: Graphical Representation of Perception of Male Nursing Students II

Discussion

The findings of the study have been discussed with reference to the objectives and with the findings of others studies.

Out of the 100 questionnaires distributed 100 were completed filled and returned giving a return rate of 100%.the data collected were analyzed using frequency, percentages and graphs, representations while the hypothesis was tested using chi square(x2).

Conclusion

This research study concludes that male nursing students have average attitude and perception towards the nursing profession.

The study also concludes that there is significant association between some demographic variables with attitude and perception.

Recommendations for further studies

Keeping in view the findings of the study the following recommendations are made:

We recommend same study for female nursing students to find out their attitude and perception towards nursing profession.

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