Nurse training and the need of the trainer to adapt to the trainee’s level

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Professional training of nurses in Greece can be accomplished by two different educational structures after senior high school; a two-year cycle, whose graduates become assistant nurses and a four-year cycle whose graduates become full-duty nurses. Trainees of both cycles receive clinical training in various departments of state/public hospitals by nurses with many years of experience. According to the level of the trainees (two-year or four-year cycle students), the trainer-nurse often needs to adapt their educational approach. Particularly, when teaching two-year cycle students, the trainer needs to teach in a more explanatory way and to simplify the teaching subjects/procedures so that these can be comprehended. Furthermore, since these students will not become full-duty nurses but assistants, they are not trained so extensively on invasive procedures on the patients. On the other hand, when addressing four-year cycle students and taking into account the fact that after graduation they will sometimes have to work as full-duty nurses in shifts with minimum personnel, the need of a more intensive and descriptive training cannot be overemphasized. Finally, four-year cycle students usually continue their postgraduate studies with various seminars or Master in Science/PhD studies. In conclusion, the trainer-nurse should adjust their teaching method/approach on their student-nurses’ level (two-year vs four-year cycle) and consequently on the duties they will be expected to perform after their graduation.

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