Determination of attitudes towards scientific research of nursing students

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Research culture must be acquired during undergraduate education for development of nursing profession and professionalization. The purpose of this study is to determine nursing student’ attitude toward scientific research. Descriptive and cross-sectional study was conducted with 375 students in 2015-2016 year the spring period. Data were collected “Questionnaire” and “Attitude Scale towards Scientific Studies”. Data analysis involved calculation of descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, min, max, frequency and percentile), Mann-Whitney U, Kruskal-Wallis H, Spearman Correlation, Chi-square (p<0.05). 90.1% (338) of students were female, 33.9% (127) were fourth class, 38.1% of students took statistics and research courses, 13.6% of students had scientific research experience, 21.6% of students followed the continuous broadcast related to nursing, 47.5% of students participated in scientific activities. There was a statistically significant difference between class of students and participate in scientific activities, fourth class students were more participate in scientific activities then other class (p<0.05). It was found that a positive correlation between the age of students and “Positive Attitude towards Research” of an average of points. It was found that a positive correlation between the “Reluctance to Be Helpful to Researchers” average of points and “Negative Attitude towards Research” average of points of students. Students who had scientific research experience, followed the continuous broadcast related to nursing and participated in scientific activities had high average points of “Positive Attitude towards Research” (p<0.05). It was determined many of nursing students don’t show negative attitude towards scientific research, but students are less involved in work and scientific activities.

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