

Abstract

The thesis discusses breastfeeding in terms of cultural anthropology. The theoretical part describes breastfeeding in the historical and social context, while also focusing on the current situation in Slovakia. The research part of the thesis analyzes selected group of eleven Slovak university educated women of the present generation of nursing mothers. The basic research hypothesis is that society and culture affects the relationship of selected group of mothers to breastfeeding. The paper uses the method of semi-structured interviews and participatory observation. Basic sets of issues reflect subjective views and experiences of mothers with these problems. The work concluded that breastfeeding among university-educated mothers is significantly affected. To a large extent, breast feeding is structured in relation to social pressure, and it is also prevalent in women's distinctive individuality.