

Abstract

This work is intended to provide an overview of basic information about the general nurse profession and the students' view of the prestige of this profession.

Objectives:

The aim of the bachelor's thesis is to bring up-to-date information about how students perceive the prestige of the general nursing profession in the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as the Czech Republic). The opinion of the students will be determined using a questionnaire survey, and the data obtained will then be compared with the data from the research conducted by the Center for Public Opinion Research (hereinafter referred to as CVVM), in the research project - Our Society.

Methods:

398 students were approached using an electronic questionnaire survey. Out of all the respondents, one hundred two students answered, of which fifty-four were students of the second year of the master's (hereinafter referred to as MgrSP) study program of General Medicine, twenty-eight students of the bachelor's (hereinafter referred to as BcSP) study program of General Nursing and twenty students of BcSP Pediatric Nursing. The questionnaire consisted of forty-five semi-closed, closed, and open questions. Non-parametric correlation tests were used for statistical data processing.

Results:

It was found that the majority of respondents have a positive attitude towards the general nurse profession, but their opinions are at least partly influenced by certain variables. The students' opinions on the prestige of the profession coincided in most cases with the opinions of the public from 2019. However, we could observe an interesting difference between the opinions of nursing students and the opinions of general medicine students. The difference mainly appeared in the evaluation of less prestigious occupations.

Conclusion:

The conclusion of the research proved that students evaluate the prestige of the general nurse profession very positively. In some answers, their opinion of this profession is influenced by their age and their study program. The opinions of students and the public did not differ much.