

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis explores the connections between sexual violence, childbirth experience, and maternal bonding. The aim is to map existing knowledge of the topic and prepare a research proposal. The literature review is divided into five chapters. The first chapter discusses sexual violence, its types, prevalence, and potential impacts. The second chapter summarizes childbirth, including its process, medical interventions, and experiences. The third chapter covers key insights on maternal bonding. The fourth chapter reviews research on the influence of sexual violence on childbirth, including impacts on pregnancy, childbirth complications, postpartum PTSD, and social support roles. The final theoretical chapter examines the effect of sexual violence on maternal bonding. The empirical part proposes quantitative research to assess the impact of sexual violence on childbirth experience and early postpartum maternal bonding, and whether partner relationship satisfaction moderates this relationship.

Key words: sexual violence; childbirth experience; maternal bonding; posttraumatic stress disorder; fear of childbirth