

## ABSTRACT

Diploma thesis „A nurse doesn't have to be a woman“ focuses on men's experience in feminised occupations which are connected with the notion of women, particularly it is focused on nurses. In theoretical and conceptual part I present basic concepts, which this thesis relies on and I write about labour market. In empirical part I conducted six semi-structured interviews with men who work, worked as a nurse or study to become one. In these interviews I was looking for gender constructions and associations that are connected with being men in „typically women's“ occupation. The questions I asked were about the motivation to choose this occupation, how these men are approached, what reactions do they experience, what benefits and obstacles they deal with, how do people call them. Most importantly I was interested in men's own experience and perceptions connected to their position of men in feminised occupation.

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