

The Thesis submits the dilemmas of nursing competencies in critical care. In the theoretical Section the author concentrates first on nursing competencies given by legal regulation, secondly on education system, and lastly on gaining the nurse qualification. The author mapped various elements influencing the scope of powers of nurses, more precisely the regulation of their profession beginning at legal liability of medical staff and ending on their code of ethics. The author describes interpersonal relations at the workplace with focus on the relations between nurses and doctors. The last few chapters of the theoretical Section relate to some concrete nursing interventions – how they are provided and on their stipulation in law.

Practical Section hereof is focused on analyses of research regarding the above mentioned topic. The author used the quantitative method of research and structured questionnaire collecting data. Practical Section hereof aims to identify the grounds for the breach of or the compliance with the competencies of nurses in critical care. This Section finds the possible purposes why the competences are overranged from the point of view both of nurses and doctors.