

Abstract

The Bachelor's Thesis deals with the issue of premature birth in terms of psychological experience of parents of preterm babies. The work is mainly focused on the mother's psychological coping with this experience. The theoretical part contains the basic theoretical knowledge of preterm baby and its health and psychological specifics as well as the mothers' experiences in the preterm birth event and the relationship between the mother and the baby after the preterm birth. The options of a psychological support for these mothers are also the important part of this work. The empirical part consists of a qualitative research whose main objective is to describe how mothers were experiencing the preterm birth and how they coped with this event. Due to nature of the study the half-structured interview method and the data processing method of the grounded theory were selected. The conclusion compares the theoretical conception of prof. Zdeněk Matějček to the results of my own research.