

## **ABSTRACT**

The theme of the bachelor thesis „Origin and Evolution of the Head Nurse Position“ is a more detailed description of the origin and development of the head nurse from the beginning of the position until present time. An integral part of the work is the beginnings of nursing in the monasteries that are related to origins of the position. Historical development is divided from the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century until World War II, then through the development of post war years until today, when the view of the head nurse role is mainly in the mid-level manager. The head nurse leads the clinic or department and is responsible for planning and professional growth of staff and evaluation of quality of care. It cannot be omitted the education of head nurses, which was influenced by the Act No. 20/1966 Coll., on the obligation of health professionals to continual education. Education is divided into undergraduate and postgraduate. In the practical part, there are discussed in more detail the main goals of the thesis, that is the analysis of the work of head nurse and education of the head staff since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, by one of the methods of qualitative analysis in the form of analysis of written documents. The goal was to find out the content of the work of head nurse in the changes of time and how the education has gradually developed. This topic can be explored also by other qualitative research method in an attempt to validate the results of my thesis.

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