ABSTRACT

Lifelong education of general nurses has been permanently a very current and topical issue, especially in connection with the necessity to introduce new standards of education of non-medical health professionals following the Czech Republic’s accession to the European Union, in connection with implementation of the Act No. 96/2004 Coll., on conditions of acquiring and recognizing professional qualifications to perform non-medical health care professions, in connection with amendments of this legislation which brought about not only changes into the way of lifelong education but also increased the competences of nurses, but also in connection with preparation of a new legislation which shall replace the Act No. 96/2004 Coll. on non-medical health professions, and shall, due to dissatisfaction with the existing system, completely alter the concept of both professional and lifelong education. This degree thesis deals with the issues of lifelong education of general nurses. The main objective is to map the issues of lifelong education of general nurses and determine the level of satisfaction with lifelong education of general nurses, namely of general nurses working in hospitals within the Region of Karlovy Vary. The theoretical part of the thesis provides general information on lifelong education and on the specifics of lifelong education of general nurses. The empirical part of the thesis determines the level of satisfaction with lifelong education of general nurses working in four hospitals of the Region of Karlovy, specifically in the hospitals in Cheb and Karlovy Vary, both being a part of the Karlovy Vary Regional Hospital (joint-stock company), and in Sokolov Hospital (Ltd.) and Ostrov Hospital (Ltd.), which are part of Nemos plus, s.r.o. (Ltd.), taking into account the gender, age, highest level of education acquired, professional position, functional classification, health care facility, type of ward, length of experience and work shift rate, issuing namely from individual pedagogical aspects affecting the satisfaction with lifelong education of general nurses as laid down by the Act No. 96/2004 Coll. on non-medical health professions, i.e. from the aspects regarding the setting of the system of lifelong education of general nurses, aspects regarding the professional level of educational programs of lifelong education of general nurses, aspects regarding the forms of lifelong education of general nurses and aspects regarding the credit system of lifelong education of general nurses. To determine the level of satisfaction with lifelong education of general nurses I constructed my own questionnaire. The survey shows that general nurses working in hospitals within the Region of Karlovy Vary are not very satisfied with lifelong education of general nurses.