

ABSTRACT

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This bachelor thesis deals in details with the nurse profession from nurses' perspective. The theoretical section defines the changes in the status of nurses over the years, shows occupational prestige of various jobs and factors that infleunce work motivation.

In the empirical research section qualitative analysis was used to compare opinions of young nurses to those working for a long time. Six interviews were done. Three of them depict the opinions of nurses who have started working in the era of communist totalitarianism. The other three depict the opinions of nurses from today's generation.

Research reveals current changes and tries to appoint motivating and demotivating factors of the nurse profession. It also shows reasons why nurses decided to choose the profession and their attitudes about occupational prestige scores.