

Abstract:

The Diploma thesis is focused on attitudes of helping profession to epilepsy. The aim of theoretical part is to introduce life with epilepsy and to increase public awareness of the illness.

As a part of the thesis there is refuting myths and prejudices that are often cause of negative attitudes.

Helping professions are a main part of life both of epileptics and their families as well their surroundings and their attitudes affect most of it so it is main sample of the research.

Theoretical part is divided into few chapters. In the initial chapter there are defined basic concepts important for good orientation in the topic - stereotypes, prejudices and attitudes. Its theories, functions and changes are further described more in detail. Next chapters describe epilepsy from medical and social aspects such as Etiology of epilepsy, epileptic seizures classification, its diagnostics and treatment are mentioned there. First aid during epileptic seizures and role of social workers are not missing. Further diploma thesis covers problematics such as social stigmatization and myths connected with epilepsy. From wider perspective impact of epilepsy on social and personal life is revealed to readers. Research part of the diploma thesis was created by quantitative method using questionnaire survey.

The aim of research part of the survey was to reveal attitudes of chosen professions to epilepsy.

Conclusion consists of processed results and information gained from professional literature.