

The thesis is focused on the university education of nurses from the point of view of nurses with high school education. The theoretical part briefly describes the history of the nursing education in our country, it mentions the most significant changes concerning the education of nurses and outlines certain legislative changes that are being prepared. The theoretical part also presents a survey of the universities and faculties where it is possible to study nursing at the present time.

The research for the empirical part of the thesis was carried out in a form of a questionnaire inquiry in a faculty hospital. The targeted group of respondents were high school educated nurses without further specialisation. The resulting group, whose responses are used for this thesis is made up of 107 nurses. The empirical part of the thesis is aimed at stating the opinions of high school educated nurses on university educated nurses and the need for university educated nurses at the patient's bedside. The thesis also attempts to find differences between high school educated and university educated nurses. The thesis also states the quality of relationship and cooperation between high school educated and university educated nurses.

The results of the questionnaire inquiry suggested that a clear majority of high school educated nurses do not consider university education beneficial for the profession and see university educated nurses at the patient's bedside as superfluous. A difference between high school educated and university educated nurses is perceived only by a small percentage of respondents. Among the most frequently mentioned differences between high school educated and university educated nurses are: better theoretical knowledge of the university educated but their lesser practical experience and skill, better ability of the university educated to work with nursing documentation, and also their better communication skills. According to the majority of respondents, the cooperation and relationships between high school educated and university educated are of a good standard.