

ABSTRACT

The Bachelor Work named *The Attitudes of the Registered Nurses to the Alcohol Addict Clients* focuses in its theoretical part on the important role of the registered nurse in the care of patient, it outlines the public and medical significance of the problem in the society, it provides information on stigmatization mental ill people, defines the psychological terms such as attitudes and acceptance and gives overview of available data on attitudes of nurses to the alcohol addict clients.

The practical part of the Bachelor Work gives the overview on the attitudes among the registered nurses who work with alcohol addict clients.

Design of the study is cross-sectional questionnaire survey. The study compares attitudes of the somatic and psychiatric branches staff. The sample consisted of 92 nurses, 49 of them worked at three types of inpatient departments in hospital (internal department, intensive care unit and anesthesiology and resuscitation department) and 43 of them worked at the psychiatric clinic.

Hypothesis, that moral attitude towards alcohol addicts is more prevalent than professional morally neutral attitude, has been confirmed.

Attitudes of the hospital nurses were similar to those of the psychiatric clinic nurses.

Based on the results, an introduction of an educational course on addiction issues for all registered nurses is recommended.

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