

## Perception Regarding Nursing Profession Among Pre Nursing Students In Vinayaka Mission's College Of Nursing, Puducherry.

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### Abstract

**Background:** Nursing is widely regarded as a noble profession in the society because of the core value it promotes in its practice-which is the care of life. Public identified the nurse as a person who makes the health care system work for them. Nursing practice encompasses autonomous and collaborative care for individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings.

**Material and Methods:** A descriptive design was used to explore the pre-nursing students perception on nursing profession. The study was conducted in the Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Kirumampakkam, Puducherry. The samples for the present study were Pre-nursing students in Vinayaka Mission's college of Nursing at Puducherry. Total enumerative sampling technique was used to select the sample for the present study and the sample size for the present study was 109.

**Results:** Only 1 (0.91%) of the pre-nursing student had fair perception, majority 64 (58.7%) of them had very good perception and totally 44 (40.30%) of the Pre-nursing students had moderate perception towards nursing profession. The overall mean for Perception was 95.93 with Standard Deviation of 10.89. None of the demographic variables were associated with Perception of Pre-nursing students.

**Conclusion:** The perception of pre-nursing students towards nursing profession could be made better by sensitizing the students regarding profession through carrier awareness and counseling programme.

**Keywords:** Perception, Nursing Profession, Pre-nursing students.

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### I. Introduction

#### Background of the study:

Nursing is widely regarded as a noble profession in the society because of the core value it promotes in its practice-which is the care of life. Public identified the nurse as a person who makes the health care system work for them. Nursing practice encompasses autonomous and collaborative care for individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings. The students perceive nursing as a career and was highly influenced by one's previous ideas about nursing. The society and media, play a major role in influencing the perception and ideas the student has regarding nursing as a profession. Students education and their perception towards nursing help to promote the positive attitude in students. The perception of nursing is one of distorted clarity by Pre-nursing students. Thus many students do not have realistic views of what nursing professional's job and not aware of the variety of educational pathways for nursing. With the base of above facts, the investigator would like to identify the pre-nursing students perception regarding nursing profession.

#### Aim:

- To identify the level of perception of pre-nursing students towards nursing profession.
- To find the association between selected demographic variables and level of perception of pre-nursing students towards nursing profession.

## II. Methods And Materials

The research approach adopted for the present study was quantitative approach. A descriptive design was used to explore the pre-nursing students perception on nursing profession. The study was conducted in the Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Kirumampakkam, Puducherry. The samples for the present study were Pre-nursing students in Vinayaka Mission's college of Nursing at Puducherry. Total enumerative sampling technique was used to select the sample for the present study and the sample size for the present study was 109. Nursing students who are in first year and are willing to participate and available at the time of data collection were included in the study. Those who were on leave for long period of time were excluded from the study participation.

### Tool description:

The structured questionnaire consists of 2 sections. Section A which includes demographic variables like age, sex, religion, Presently studying, Medium of instruction in higher secondary and source of information regarding Nursing Profession.

Section B deals with perception regarding nursing profession. It is a 5 point likert scale which consists of 25 items. The option were strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree and rated as 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The maximum score was 125 and the minimum score was 25. The raw scores were linearly transformed in 0 to 100 scale. The perception was interpreted as Very good perception (76-100), Moderate perception (51-75), Fair perception (25-50).

### Method of data collection:

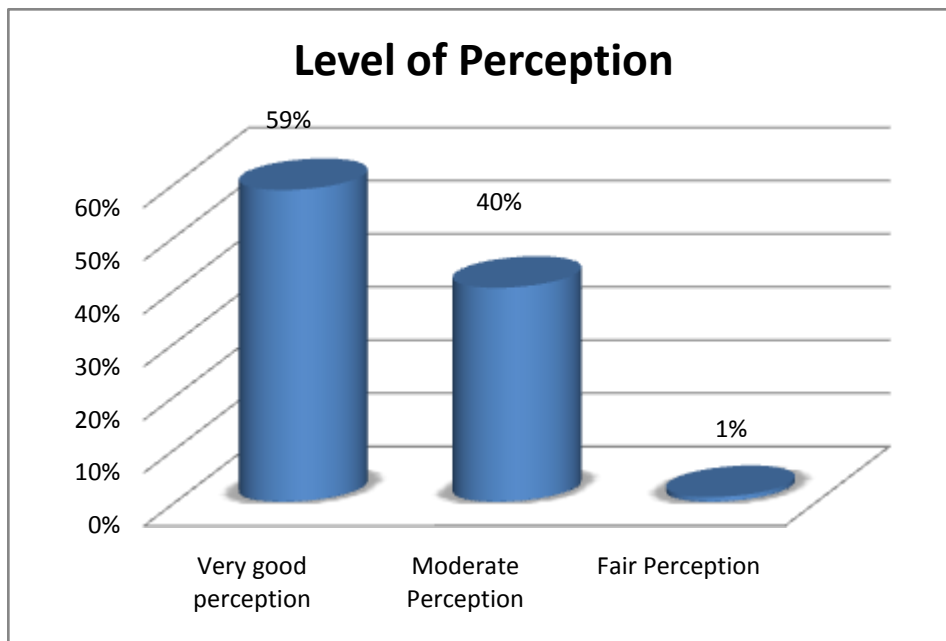
The formal written permission was obtained from the Principal, Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry to conduct the study among Pre-nursing students. Prior to data collection, information was given to the students about the study and written consent was obtained from them. Assurance was given for confidentiality of information. The students were gathered in a class room and the students self-report was collected using structured questionnaire on the Perception of Pre-nursing students regarding Nursing profession. The students took 30 minutes to fill the questionnaire. The completed data sheet were collected and the data was compiled for data analysis.

## III. Analysis And Discussion

**Table1: Frequency and percentage distribution of Demographic variables of prenursing students.**

.No	Demographic variable	Frequency	Percentage
		No	%
1	<b>Age</b>		
	15-17 years	7	6.42
	17-20 years	99	90.82
	20-22 years	3	2.75
2	<b>Gender</b>		
	Male	7	6.42
	Female	102	93.5
3	<b>Religion</b>		
	Hindu	104	95.41
	Muslim	-	-
	Christian	5	4.58
4	<b>Study</b>		
	GNM I year	48	44.03
	B.Sc I year	61	55.96
5	<b>Instructional medium</b>		
	Tamil	59	54.12
	English	50	45.87

In table 1, Majority 99 (90.82%) students were between 17-20 years & only 3 (2.75%) students were between 20-22 years of age. It found that majority of students were females 102 (93.5%) and belonged to hindu religion. Among them, 61 (55.96%) students belonged to B.Sc I year and 48 (44.03%) of them were GNM I year. Moreover, majority 59 (54.12%) of them were from Tamil medium schools, and only 50 (45.87%) students were from English medium school.



**Fig: 1 Bar diagram on level of perception of pre-nursing students towards nursing profession.**

In the above figure only 1 (0.91%) of the pre-nursing student had fair perception, majority 64 (58.7%) of them had very good perception and totally 44 (40.30%) of the Pre-nursing students had moderate perception towards nursing profession.

It was supported by Karadag (2007) where 77.6% of first year student's were happy chosen nursing, 85.9% of them thought that they had similar characteristics. The self concept, professional self concept and congruence was found highest in the fourth year.

**Table: 2 Mean and standard deviation of perception of pre nursing students towards nursing profession**  
N=109

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation
Perception	95.93	10.89

The table (2) revealed that the overall mean regarding Perception towards nursing Profession was 95.93 with standard Deviation of 10.89. This was supported by findings of Jarrah (2010), where the associate nursing students generally have a significant positive perception about the image of the nursing profession. Majority of the students feel proud when talking with others about nursing profession. The demographic variable were not associated with Perception of Pre-nursing students.

**Recommendation**

- ❖ A study can be conducted using qualitative approach
- ❖ A study can be undertaken on a large sample for making a more valuable generalization.

### **Implications of the study:**

The present study implicates that in all the area of nursing, the perception on nursing profession is very crucial. The performance of the neo-nurses is directly linked with their perception. Better the perception- better the performance. The nurse educators, nurse administrators and the researchers should inculcate the values of nursing in students by means of value based education & research.

### **IV. Conclusion**

The perception of pre-nursing students towards nursing profession could be made better by sensitizing the students regarding profession through carrier awareness and counseling programme.

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