

Identification of Nursing Students' Attitudes toward Older People in Turkey

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Abstract : Objective: The present study aims to identify nursing students' attitudes toward older people. Methods: This descriptive study was conducted with 166 nursing department students enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program in a university located in Eastern Turkey. The participants were chosen using convenience sampling method, and the data were collected through the Descriptive Characteristics Form and Turkish version of Kogan's Attitudes toward Old People Scale (KAOP). Results: It was found that the students participating in the study had positive attitudes toward old people, and the mean scores of those who wanted to work with old people after graduation were significantly high ($p < 0.05$). Scale mean scores according to receiving Gerontology Nursing course showed that the score difference between the two groups was not statistically significant. Conclusion: This study found that nursing students' attitudes toward older people were positive. Cultural features of the region where the study was conducted are considered to contribute to this result.

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