



## Perception of Nursing Students towards Nursing as a Career

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to provide useful information for the school authorities so that they can improve on the nursing program to develop and sustain interest of first year nursing students and enhance their motivation and consequentially develop their competences after graduating from the college. **OBJECTIVE:** To assess the perception of 1st basic b.sc students towards nursing. **RESEARCH QUESTION:** What is the 1st year students perception towards nursing as career? The research approach is quantitative approach. Non experimental descriptive exploratory research design. The study was completed at Sinhgad College of Nursing Pune. Sample was first year basic B.Sc. nursing students. Sample size 50 first year basic B.sc nursing students and sampling technique was Non probability purposive sampling. **RESULT -** In this study result divided in three categories. The perception score is good 72.00%, average 16.00%, and poor is 12.00%.

## KEYWORDS

*Perception, Nursing, Nursing Students, Career*

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## INTRODUCTION

The nursing profession has developed throughout history in that earliest nurses never attended nursing school; they were often nuns and other women who provided care for the sick, poor, or homeless without family support. During the middle ages, early hospitals were operated by nurses who were affiliated with religious organizations<sup>1</sup>.

The increasing emphasis on national and international work in developing countries and the advocacy of healthy and safe environments has strengthened the nursing profession. World Health Organization (WHO) supports and recognizes nursing as the backbone of most health care systems around the world<sup>2</sup>.

## BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Research done in Dublin came up with findings that media played a role in the

students' choice but it influences society's impression of nursing as a career. Family, friends and society play important roles in influencing the choice of nursing career and the recruitment of nursing students into the profession. Gender as mentioned earlier is also a factor which can lead to choice of nursing career or not. According to the high achieving students, they had a stereotype image of female nurses being viewed as sexual objects and male nurses as homosexuals therefore, being a dissuading factor to choosing nursing career<sup>3</sup>.

## NEED FOR THE STUDY

It is merely observed that nursing students has negative thinking towards nursing profession resulting in lack of interest which is a hurdle in academic performance affecting the productivity of the students.



Hence researcher felt a very strong need to find out the perception of nursing students to choose nursing as a career and to find out the negative influencing factors and misconception related to nursing profession among them.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

“Assessment of perception of first basic b.sc nursing students towards nursing as a career among nursing students in selected colleges.”

## OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

To assess the perception of 1<sup>st</sup> basic B.Sc students towards nursing.

## RESULTS

**Table 1** Frequency and percentage distribution of demographic variables among nursing students

SR. NO	DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES		FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
1	Age	18-20	44	89.80%
		20-24	5	10.20%
2	Gender	Male	17	34.70%
		female	32	65.30%
3	Family members in health care	Both parents in health care	8	16.32%
		Both parents are nurse	14	28.58%
		Other family members	17	34.70%
		None	10	20.40%
4	Reason for choosing nsg as career	Desire to help	9	18.37%
		Care to others	14	28.57%
		Status of prof. std	14	28.57%
		Any other	12	24.49%

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter deals with the methodology selected by the investigator to the study the research problem. The research approach is quantitative approach. Non experimental descriptive exploratory research design. The study setting was sinhgad college of nursing pune, Sample was the 1st basic b.sc nursing students. Sample size 50 1st basic b.sc nursing students and sampling technique is Non probability purposive sampling.



**Table 2** Perception of 1<sup>st</sup> year basic B.Sc nursing students toward nursing as a career

	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>GOODS</b>	18	72.00%
<b>AVERAGE</b>	04	16.00%
<b>POOR</b>	03	12.00%

## CONCLUSION

Most of the students feel that nursing as a career is very good as it has 100% placement and has wide scope further for a better future, as it is a profession so a interested candidate can grow very high by perceiving Ph.D. and other lot more courses. While some other students have negative opinion on this. In this study result divided in three categories. The perception score is good 72.00%, average 16.00%, and poor is 12.00%.



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