

Impact of Integrated Ethics Program on Nurses Knowledge and Performance at Rural Area

Abstract

Background: Ethical standards offer a context for behavior assessment, and nursing principles which influence nurses' goals, and approaches with patient care. The nurses are undoubtedly confronted with various ethical codes of conduct and the essentials of ethical decision making. Recognizing the ethical values can help to advance nursing practice and develop codes of ethics.

Aim: the study aimed to evaluate the Impact of Integrated ethics program on nurses practices in health centers at rural area

Design: A quasi-experimental design was used to accomplished the goals of the study.

Settings: The study sample was collected from maternal and child health centers in Fayoum region

Sample: A purposive sample were used in this study consisted of Convenience sample were used to collect 70 nurses from the selected setting within 3 months

Tools: An interviewing questionnaire was used to assess socio demographic characteristics self-administered an interview questionnaire was developed by the investigators based on reviewing related literature

Results: there was an improvement after the nursing intervention program in all aspects. Concerning nurses' knowledge there was 88.6% of them satisfactory pre- intervention while, post program they became 100.0% have satisfactory knowledge. Regarding the total nurses' knowledge, 8.6% were good pre- program phase while post training program became 72%. Also 8.6% of them their total performance were good pre- program while post program, their total performance regarding training IE were improved.

Conclusion: The present study concluded that, implementation of the training program of IE had an efficient improving nurses' knowledge, and practice regarding IE in the rural areas, with highly statically significant differences in all the tested items between pre/post program implementation($P < 0.001$)

Recommendations: the nurses and their patients were seriously at risk to various sources of several diseases due to lower compliance with Integrated Ethics. Establishment of in- service training programs, and continuous supervision, are strongly recommended to raise nurses' awareness regarding Integrated Ethics and motivate them.

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