

Impact of Integrated Ethics Program on Nurses Knowledge and Performance at Rural Area in Fayoum region, Egypt

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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 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 nurse's practices in health centers at rural area. **Design:** A quasi-experimental design was used to accomplish the goals of the study. **Settings:** The study sample was collected from maternal and child health centers in Fayoum region. **Sample:** A Convenience sample technique was used in this study (n70) nurses were working in the selected setting. **Tools:** Two tools were used to collect the data, first: Self-administered interview questionnaire. Second: A structured practice observational check list to assess nurses' practices. **Results:** The main 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. The present study concluded that, implementation of the integrated ethics program had an efficient improving nurses' knowledge, and practice regarding integrated ethics in the rural areas, with highly statically significant differences in all the tested items between pre/post program implementation ($P < 0.001$). **Conclusion:** The present study by evidence had accepted the research hypothesis that, implementation of the training program of IE had an efficient improving nurses' knowledge, and practice in the rural areas with highly statically significant differences in all the tested items between pre/post program implementation ($P < 0.001$). **Recommendations:** The study recommended to establishment of in- service training programs, and continuous supervision in rural areas to raise nurse's awareness regarding Integrated Ethics and motivate them. Further studies are recommended to include other nursing specialities and students in a higher level to rise the power of generalizability of the findings. Pay more attention to the nurses in rural areas.

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