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# A Study to Assess the Perception of Adolescent Students towards Pursuing Nursing as a Career in Selected School of Meerut, UP

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**Abstract:** *The findings showed that the assess the perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers selected Dhan Singh kotwal inter college Meerut up , are having adequate perception regarding pursuing nursing as a career among freshers . Findings also show that there is a significant association between perception level of the adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers regarding the selected school in Meerut, UP and their demographic variables. Hence it is concluded that the perception regarding pursuing nursing as a career among freshers is positive in selected Dhan Singh kotwal inter college Meerut U.P*

**Keywords:** Perception , Adolescent ,Career

## I. INTRODUCTION

Nursing is the largest single health care profession in the health care context (Price et al., 2013). Its central significance anchors on the fact that the care permeates every stratum and segment of any given community. The practitioners' preparations, which are elaborate in nature, places them in a vantage position to render high quality services to the community (IOM, 2009). The sustainability of nursing depends largely on maintaining an equilibrium between those that enter and exit the profession. A multi-dimensional perspective about career choice has to be examined in order to situate the choice of nursing as career among adolescents. Adolescence is a stage imbued with an array of complex physical and socio- emotional states. Career choice is one of the critical decisions' adolescents (Novakovic and Fouad, 2012) are expected to make as the effective choice will have positive impact on their self-concept development, and fulfilment of one's life purpose.

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### A. Statement of Problem

A study to assess the perception of adolescent as nursing as career among freshers in selected school in Meerut up

### B. Objective of the study

- 1) To assess the perception of adolescent as nursing as career among freshers in selected school in Meerut
- 2) To determine the association between the perception of adolescent as nursing as career with the selected demographic variables.

## II. RESEARCH DESIGN

This is a descriptive, and non-experimental study Aimed at examining the perception and choice of nursing as a Career by adolescents in selected secondary schools in Meerut

### A. Organization and Presentation of Data

Analysis and interpretation were done as per the objectives of the study and the hypothesis was formulated. Descriptive and inferential statistics were used for analysis of the data. The data and findings are organized and presented under the following section.

### 1) Section – I:

Findings related to demographic characteristics of the samples.

Frequency and percentage distribution of demographic data of the adolescent students.

### 2) Section – II

Findings related to knowledge scores of selected groups regarding adolescent student perception towards pursuing nursing as a career

### 3) Section- III'

To find out the association between socio- demographic variables

### 4) Section – IV

To assess the perception regarding adolescent student perception towards pursuing nursing as a career .

### B. Distribution of Demographic Variables Of The Samples

This section deals with analysis of the distribution of samples according to the frequency and percentage. The selected demographic variables are Age, years of study, Gender, religion , type of family, father education, father occupation, mother education, mother occupation any plan for higher education, Frequency and percentage distribution of the sample of the above-mentioned characteristics are presented in table and diagrams.

Table: 1 Frequency and percentage distribution of demographic characteristics of the adolescent student perception towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers.

Variables	Frequency	Percentage
1.Age in year		
12-14	37	36.25
14-16	36	46.25
16-18	07	17.5
2.Year of study		
9 <sup>th</sup>	41	51.25
10 <sup>th</sup>	22	27.5
11 <sup>th</sup>	8	10
12 <sup>th</sup>	9	11.25
3. Gender		
Male	20	25
Female	60	75
Other	0	0
4..Religion		
Hindu	65	8.125
Muslim	15	18.75
Sikh	0	0

Other	0	0
5.Types of family		
Joint	42	52.5
Nuclear	31	38.75
Mixed	7	8.75
Other	0	0
6.Father education		
Less than high school	44	55
High school degree	23	28.75
Bachelor degree	11	13.75
Post Graduation	2	2.5
7.Father occupation		
Service	7	8.75
Teacher	5	6.25
Agriculture	10	12.5
Other	58	72.5
8. Mother education	43	53.75
Less than High school	28	35
High school degree	9	11.25
Bachelor degree	0	0
Post Graduation		
9.Mother occupation	1	1.25
Service	66	82.5

House wife	2	2.5
Teacher	11	13.75
Other		
10.Any plan for higher education		
Yes	75	93.75
No	5	6.25

### C. Data Presented in Table of Group Depicts

#### Section -II

II-To associate the perception score of perception of adolescent towards pursuing Nursing as a career among freshers with selected socio demographic variables

Variables	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Chi-square	D.f	Level of Significant
Age group								
12- 14	37	36.25	21	14	02	9.71	04	Significant
14 -16	36	46.25	10	19	7			
16 -18	7	17.5	01	05	01			
Year of study								
9 <sup>th</sup> Class	41	51.25	17	21	3			
10	22	27.5	9	11	2	9.82	6	Significant
11	8	10	03	5	0			
12	9	11.25	03	1	5			
GENDER								
Male	20	25	09	5	6			
FEMALE	60	75	23	23	4	9.84	4	Significant
OTHER	0		0	0	0			
RELIGION								
Hindu	65	8.125	24	33	8			
Muslim	15	18.75	8	5	2	0.99		Not significant
Sikh	0		0	0	0			
Other	0		0	0	0			
Type of family								

Joint	42	52.5	20	18	4			
Nuclear	31	38.75	10	16	5	2.44	06	Not significant
Mixed	7	8.75	2	4	1			
Other	0		0	0	0			
Father education								
Less than high school	44	55	17	23	4			
High school degree	23	28.75	10	7	6	6.32	06	Not significant
Bachelor degree	11	13.75	4	7	0			
Bachelor degree plus	2	2.5	1	1	0			
Father occupation								
Service	7	8.75	02	1	4			
Teacher	5	6.25	01	3	1	22.22	06	Significant
Agriculture	10	12.5	3	4	3			
Other	58	72.5	26	30	2			
Mother education								
Less than high school	44	53.75	20	22	1			
High school degree	28	35	11	10	7	12.25	06	Not significant
Bachelor degree	9	11.25	7	6	2			
Bachelor degree plus	0	0	0	0	0			
Mother occupation								
Service	1	1.25	0	1	0			
House wife	66	82.5	26	31	9	17.38	06	Significant
Teacher	2	2.5	0	2	0			
Other	11	13.37	6	4	1			
Any plan for higher education								
Yes	75	93.75	31	35	9	0.569	02	Not significant
No	5	6.25	1	3	1			

\*At 0.05 level of significance



### III. MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The data was collected, analyzed and interpreted in terms of objectives. Descriptive and inferential statistics were utilized for the analysis of data. The level of significance set testing the hypothesis was at the level of 0.05 significance.

(A) Findings related to demographic characteristics among adolescents students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers

- 1) As per age, half of the samples that 12-14 age category constitutes the majority 46.25% of Respondent's followed by 14-16 age range 45% while 16-18 age account's for 8.75% of the Respondents Out of which 51.25% Respondent were class Ninth while only 27.5% Tenth and Respondent 10% Eleventh were Twelve classes 11(25%) student
- 2) As per gender difference, majority of the sample were females i.e. 75% were Females and 25% were male Maximum numbers of students
- 3) As per qualification, Majority of students father's i.e 44 (55%) less than high school and were 23( 28.75%) High school diploma and 11(13.75%) Bachelor degree only were 2(2.5%) Bachelor degree pulse and mother's i.e 43( 53.75%) less than high school and were 28(3.5%) High school diploma and only were 9 (11.25%) Bachelor degree in relation to parents occupation, Minimum numbers of students father's i.e 7 (8.75%) service and 5 (6.25%) Teacher and 10 ( 12.5%) agricultural and Maximum 58(72.5%) other profession. Maximum numbers of students mother's i.e 66(82.5%) housewives. Majority of students i.e 1 (1.25%) service and 2(2.5%) Teacher only were 11(13.75%) other profession.
- 4) As per religion, majority of students 65( 81.25%) were from Hindu Religion and only 15 ( 18.75%) were muslim.
- 5) Maximum Types of family i.e 42 ( 52.5%) were from joint and 31 ( 38.75%) were Nuclear and only 7(8.75%) were mixed.
- 6) As per the area of occupation, majority of the samples Minimum numbers of students father's i.e 7 (8.75%) service and 5 (6.25%) Teacher and 10 ( 12.5%) agricultural and Maximum 58(72.5%) other profession. Maximum numbers of students mother's i.e 66(82.5%) housewives. Majority of students i.e 1 (1.25%) service and 2(2.5%) Teacher only were 11(13.75%) other profession
- 7) Maximum numbers of students 75(93.75%) plan to higher education offers and majority of students 05( 6.25%) no any plan for higher education offers.

### IV. DISCUSSION

The findings of the study had been discussed in terms of objective, hypothesis and results obtained by others investigations in the same aspect.

On the basis of the objective of the study and findings revealed the discussion can be framed as follows:

#### 1) Objective 1:

.To assess the perception of adolescent as nursing as career among freshers in selected school in meerut

The findings of the present study revealed that out of total population 80, majority of samples i.e., 40 (66%) have good adequate perception, 20 (34%) have moderate perception. The findings of the present study revealed that sample perception So, this shows that 40% respondents had positive perception and 47.5% respondents had moderate perception and 12.5% respondent negative perception towards nursing as a career choice.

#### 2) Objective 2:

To determine the association between the perception of adolescent as nursing as career with the selected demographic variables

The findings of the present study show that was a significant association of perception found between gender. These findings revealed that perception was significantly associated with gender, qualification, school area and living area.

### V. IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY

The findings of the present study have implication for the nursing practice, nursing education, nursing administration, and nursing research.

#### A. Nursing Practice

The findings of this study reveals that there is a need to Understand the perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career in meerut i.e and there at Dhan Singh kotwal inter college meerut up.

### *Nursing Administration*

Administration should facilitate the development and the implementation of the strategies to improve the level of knowledge. We are administration should plan and organize education programme for the perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career in selected school of meerut up.

### *B. Nursing Research*

The study reveals that the perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers in selected school , Meerut, UP. Dhan Singh kotwal inter college meerut up Samples have adequate perception regarding pursuing nursing as a career selected school in Meerut . It emphasizes a great need for conducting research related to assess level of perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career regarding selected school in Meerut up .

The findings of the study can be utilized for conducting a follow up study among the study group to find out the level of Perception regarding selected perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers selected school in Meerut up .

### *C. Limitations*

The Study was limited to

- 1) The assessment of only perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a Career .
- 2) The study was only limited to selected schools of Meerut

### *D. Recommendations*

- 1) A similar study can be repeated on large samples to validate and generalize the result.
- 2) A descriptive study can be conducted among male, female and transgender adolescent students of other states of India

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

The findings showed that the assess the perception of adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers selected Dhan Singh kotwal inter college Meerut up , are having adequate perception regarding pursuing nursing as a career among freshers . Findings also show that there is a significant association between perception level of the adolescent students towards pursuing nursing as a career among freshers regarding the selected school in Meerut, UP and their demographic variables. Hence it is concluded that the perception regarding pursuing nursing as a career among freshers is positive in selected Dhan Singh kotwal inter college meerut U.P

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