

The impact of professional ethics training on spiritual care competence of emergency nurses of lorestan university of medical sciences hospitals 2023-2024

Abstract

Background and aim: Nurses are the largest group of healthcare workers around the world and they are responsible for providing holistic care to patients. Holistic care includes physical, mental, social and spiritual dimensions. The present study was conducted in order to determine the effect of professional ethics training on the spiritual care competence of nurses who working in emergency department of lorestan university of medical sciences hospitals.

Materials and Methods: this study is a two-group semi-experimental study with a pre-test and a post-test, which was conducted on 84 nurses working in the emergency department of lorestan university of medical sciences, who were selected by stratified random sampling. In the intervention group, 4 workshops were held. The study tool includes the spiritual care competency questionnaire. SPSS V25 was used for data analysis and descriptive and inferential statistics methods were used.

Results: This study was conducted in two intervention groups (n=42) and control (n=42). Most of the participants in this study in both intervention and control groups were women. There was a significant difference in the average score of the total spiritual care competence and its dimensions (except the self-knowledge subscale) during different times in the intervention group ($P < 0.001$). In the self-knowledge subscale, the average score obtained in the two control and intervention groups at different times was not significantly different ($P > 0.05$).

Discussion and Conclusion: The results of our study showed that professional ethics training improves nurses' spiritual care competence. By holding workshops and training courses as well as in-service courses on professional ethics and spiritual care for nurses, the quality of nursing care can be improved, and as a result, the safety of patients will also increase. Therefore, it is necessary to include topics related to professional ethics and spiritual care in the nursing profession.

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