# A Study to assess the level of knowledge regarding legal aspects in psychiatric among 3rd year B.sc students at selected nursing, Kanpur, U.P.

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The legal aspects in psychiatric is effective tool for the psychiatric practice Nursing. It helps to focuses on rights patients and the standard of care receives and helps for prompt decision making.

**Objectives:** The study was carried out to: 1) to assess the level of knowledge regarding legal knowledge with selected demographic variables.

**Methods:** The quantitative evaluator research approach was used for this study. The study was conducted at selected Nursing College, Kanpur, and U.P. The population in the study was 3rd year B.sc Nursing students at Rama College of nursing, Kanpur, U.P. Structured knowledge Questionnaire was used to collect the data 30 questionnaire were administered to nursing students. The sample size of the study consists of 100 Nursing students at selected college, Kanpur, U.P. Non- probability convenient sampling technique were used to select the sample.

**Results:** The result revealed that majority of the nursing students (57%) had adequate knowledge regarding legal aspects in psychiatric, least of students (43%) had moderate level of knowledge and none of the nursing student had inadequate knowledge regarding Legal aspects in psychiatry. The chi-square value was found to statistically non- significant at p-value.

**Conclusion:** The Nursing student had a positive attitude towards the legal aspects in psychiatric. The essence and purpose of the legal aspects in psychiatric is to continuous nursing education is monitored to identify the legal liabilities like assault, battery, false imprisonment and take prompt act while given quality care to clients in psychiatric.

Keywords: Legal aspect in psychiatric, Students, knowledge.

### **1** Introduction

Mental health is also a field that's incredibly compound and difficult to handle since it involves patients with different psychiatric illnesses, and also the related ethical and legal issues are important. A nurse experienced in psychiatric nursing should know all the legal rights and responsibilities of a psychiatric nurse, the legal and ethical issues that influence within the care, the laws that alter the care, the laws that control and regulate the care, and also the moral nursing principles to be succeed.

The role of nurses and professional nursing has amplified expeditious within the past few years to include expertise specialization, autonomy, and accountability, both from a legal and ethical perspective.

The context of condition care is consistently changing and also the proactive response of psychological state nurses to such changes is betrayed with within the development of our Profession this expansion has forced new concerns among nurses and a heightened awareness of the interaction of legal and ethical principles. Areas of concerns include professional nursing practice, legal issues and ethical principles. The context of status is continually changing and also the proactive response of psychological state nurses to such changes is reflected within the evolution of our profession.

#### 2 **Objectives**

- 1. To assess the level of knowledge regarding legal aspect in psychiatric.
- 2. To associate the level of knowledge with selected demographic variable.

### 3. Methodology

**Research Approach:** The quantitative research was used for this study.

**Research Design:**A descriptive and nonexperimental research design was used for the study.

Setting: The study conducted at selected nursing college, Kanpur, U.P.

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**Population:** The population the study were 3rd year B.Sc. nursing students studying in selected Nursing College, Kanpur, UP.

**Target Population:** The target population of this present study were 3rd year B.sc nursing students.

Accessible Population: The accessible population of this present study were 3rd B.Sc. nursing students studying in selected college, Kanpur, U.P. who were fulfill the inclusive criteria.

# **3** Method of knowledge collection

Structured knowledge questionnaire were wont to collect the data.

**Sample:** Within the study, samples were the 3<sup>rd</sup> B.SC. Nursing studying in selected college,Kanpur. **Sample Size:** The sample size of the study consists of 100 nursing students at selected NursingCollege, Kanpur, U.P.

**Sampling Technique:** Non – probability convenient sampling technique were accustomed used to select the sample.

# 4 Criteria for selection of the sample

#### **Inclusive criteria**

- The 3rd year B.Sc. nursing students were present at the time of data collection
- The 3rd year B.sc nursing students who were willing to participate in the study.

# **Exclusive criteria**

- The 3rd B.Sc. nursing students who were not willing to participate within the study.
- The 3rd year B.sc nursing Student was not present at the time of data collection.

#### Tools

- Ethical permission taken from the college.
- Consent taken from the sample.
- Structured knowledge questionnaire.

# **5** Hypothesis

**H1:** There's a major association between levels of knowledge with their selected demographic variable.

# 6 Data Analysis and Interpretation

**Section A:** Assessment of level of knowledge among 3rd year B.Sc. nursing students.

**Section B:** Association of Pre – test level of knowledge with selected their socio - demographic variables.

**Section-** A: Assessment of level of knowledge among 3rd year B.Sc. nursing students.

Table no. 1:- Assess the level of knowledge regarding Legal aspect in psychiatric among 3rd year B.Sc. Nursing Students. N=100

Level of knowledge	Frequency	Percentage
Inadequate	0	0%
Moderate	43	43%
Adequate	57	57%
Total	100	100%



#### Figure No. 1: Shows percentage wise distribution of the level of knowledge regarding legal aspect in psychiatric among 3rd year B.Sc. Nursing Students.

Table 1, Figure 1, revealed that majority of the nursing students 57% had adequate knowledge regarding legal aspects in psychiatry, least of the scholars 43% had moderate knowledge regarding legal aspects in psychiatry and none of the nursing student had inadequate knowledge regarding legal aspects in psychiatry.

Socio-demographic	Inadequate	Moderate	Adequate	χ <sup>2</sup>	p-value Inference	Inference
	N	Ν	N	(df)		
Age a) 17 -19years	0	22	25			
b) 20 -22 years	0	15	21	1.256	0.739	NS
c) 23 – 25 years	0	6	10	(3)		
d) Above 25 years	0	0	1			
Total	0	43	57			
Gender a) Male	0	18	6	13.193	0.00028	S
b) Female	0	25	51	(1)		
Total	0	43	57			

Table no. 2:- Know the Association of level of knowledge among 3rd year B.sc. nursing students with the chosen socio-demographic variables. N=100

Religion a) Hindu	0	26	30			
b) Muslim	0	9	16	0.774	0.678	NS
c) Christian	0	8	11	(2)		
d) Others	0	0	0			
Total	0	43	57			
Source of a) Books	0	15	16			
previous b) Seminar	0	4	11	2.144	0.542	NS
knowledge c) Journal	0	4	6	(3)		
d) Internet	0	22	24			
Total	0	43	57			

NS= non-Significant at the 0.05 level of significance.  $x^2$  = Chi Square value

Table no.2 shows that there is non-significant association between the level of knowledge with their Age, Religion, and Source of previous knowledge. Gender is that the significant selected demographic variables, Hence the research hypothesis H1 are accepted.

# 7 Discussion

The present study was designed to assess the extent of data among 3rd B.sc nursing students studying at selected college, Kanpur, U.P. The quantitative research approach were used, samples were selected by non-probability convenient sampling technique. Structured knowledge questionnaire was wont to collect the info. Inferential statistics were discussed in reference to the objectives and hypothesis respectively.

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N=No. of samples df =Degree of freedom