

PEDIATRIC NURSING STUDENTS' STATUS OF LIKING OF CHILDREN AND AFFECTING FACTORS

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ABSTRACT

The study was a quasi-experimental design with the objective to determine the status of liking of children of pediatric nursing students. 172 students who were attending the 2015-2016 school year and taking pediatric nursing course in Akdeniz University, Faculty of Nursing participated in the research. Data were collected by the "Personal Information Form" and the "Barnett Status of Liking of Children Scale". It was determined that the average age of the students were 20.93 ± 0.90 , 73.3% of them were women. It was seen that there is increase between the pretest points (min=27, max=98, av= 74.77 ± 14.17) and the posttest points (min=40, max=98, av= 80.40 ± 13.01) which the students took from the status of liking of children scale, but this increase was not statistically meaningful ($p < 0.05$). It is highly important for pediatric nurses to understand the physical, intellectual, emotional and social developmental differences of children and to exhibit the necessary love and attention to them.

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