

INTEGRATION OF FAITH BASED MODULES IN UNDERGRADUATE NURSING CURRICULA: *Implications on Graduate Work Ethic and Health Care Delivery*

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ABSTRACT

Background:

Nursing education programmes provide commendable training in keeping pace with the rapid advances in disease management. The tradition of incorporating faith within nursing curricula has existed for centuries. However, consensus on faith based/ spirituality has received far less attention in nursing curricula and nursing students often do not have a strong foundation in this area.

Purpose:

This study aimed to explore the implications of faith based/ spirituality on the work ethic and health care delivery disposition of nursing students/graduates in Southern District, Botswana.

Research design:

The study will be a cross sectional descriptive survey which shall employ a mixed methods approach to garner rich and in-depth data on the benefits of incorporating faith-based offerings within the nursing curricula and resultant work ethic and care delivery. Work ethics and health care delivery disposition will be measured using Questionnaire and interview.

Participants and research context:

Participants will be undergraduate nursing students who are/ were attending at KSDACON and working in the southern District. The nursing administrators will also be part of the study to establish their opinion on the study at hand. The KSDACON infuses some faith based/ spirituality modules for both undergraduate and post basic nursing ethics education during training and daily mandatory morning devotion.

Ethical considerations:

This study will be conducted in accordance with the Human Subject Research Ethics Committee guidelines. Permission will be sought from relevant bodies and education entities.

Findings:

The research question will be answered using frequency counts, percentages, independent-t- test and the data will be analyzed using the Statistical Package of the Social Science (SPSS) version 26. Thematic analysis will be applied for qualitative data. Recommendations will be based on the results of the study once conducted.