# RELATIONSHIP OF LIBERAL ARTS PREPARATION AND THEORETICAL PREPARATION TO THE PERFORMANCE IN ACTUAL CLINICAL DUTY OF FOURTH YEAR NURSING STUDENTS OF DLSU - EAC SY 1991 - 92

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#### **ABSTRACT**

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#### Objectives

#### General

To determine the relationship of Liberal Arts Preparation and Theoretical Preparation to the performance in Actual Clinical Duty of fourth year nursing students of DLSU-KAC, SY 1991-1992.

Specifically, this study aimed to:

- 1. Find out the performance in the the Liberal Arts Preparation of fourth year nursing students of De La Salle University-EAC, SY 1991-1992.
- 2. Determine their performance in each of the five Theoretical Preparation.
- 3. Find out their performance in each of the five Actual Clinical Duty.
- 4. Determine the differences in the Liberal Arts Preparation when the respondents are grouped according to sex and scholastic aptitude.

- 5. Find out the differences in the performances in each of the Theoretical Preparation when they are grouped according to sex and scholastic aptitude.
- 6. Find out the differences in the performances in each of the five Actual Clinical Duty when they are grouped according to sex and scholastic aptitude.
- 7. Determine the correlation between their performance in each of the five Actual Clinical Duty and their performance in Liberal Arts Preparation.
- 8. Determine the correlation between the five Actual Clinical Duty and performance in each of the corresponding Theoretical Preparation.

#### Methodology

Documentary Analysis

#### Data Analyses

Mean, t-test of uncorrelated means, F-test or One-Way ANOVA, and Pearson Product Moment Correlation were the main statistical treatments used to investigate the hypothesized relationships between variables.

#### Results

The fourth year nursing students of DLSU-EAC, SY
 1991-1992 performed good in their Liberal Arts courses.

- 2. The performance of the respondents in each of the five Theoretical Preparations ranged from satisfactory to good.
- 3. The performance of the respondents in each of the actual clinical duties also ranged from satisfactory to good.
- 4. There were no differences in their performances in Liberal Arts courses when the respondents were grouped according to sex. These performances differed when the respondents were grouped according to scholastic aptitude. Those with high scholastic aptitude performed best followed by those with average scholastic aptitude and low scholastic aptitude.
- 5. There were no differences in the performance of the respondents in the lecture portion or Theoretical Preparation of the five nursing courses when they were grouped according to sex. In terms of scholastic aptitude, only the performance in the lecture portion of Nursing-102 differed. Those with high scholastic aptitude performed better followed by those with average scholastic aptitude, and low scholastic aptitude.
- 6. There were no differences in the performances of the respondents in Actual Clinical Duty when they were grouped according to sex. In terms of scholastic aptitude only the performance in the Actual Clinical Duty of

Nursing-102 differed. Those with high scholastic aptitude performed better followed by those with average and low scholastic aptitude.

- 7. There existed a moderate positive to high positive correlation between performance in each Actual Clinical Duty in the five nursing courses and Liberal Arts Preparation. Those who performed high in Liberal Arts courses were those who performed high in each Actual Clinical Duty. Those who performed low in Liberal Arts courses were those who performed low in Actual Clinical Duty.
- 8. There existed a moderate to high positive correlation between performances in each of Actual Clinical Duty and each Theoretical Preparation in the five nursing courses. Those who performed high in Theoretical Preparation were those who performed high in Actual Clinical Duty. Those who performed low in Theoretical Preparation were those who also performed low in each Actual Clinical Duty.

#### Recommendations

In the light of the findings yielded in this investigation, the following are recommended:

 The performance in Liberal Arts courses could be maintained as basis for admission in Nursing proper;

- 2. The Theoretical Preparation or Lecture portion of Nursing could be maintained as basis for passing/failing in the Nursing courses.
- 3. Teachers and administrators should encourage Nursing students to do better in Theoretical Preparation so they could perform well in the Actual Clinical Duty;
- 4. Administrators to strengthen the Theoretical Preparation program to assure better performance of students in the Actual Clinical Duty;
- 5. Administrator to launch campaign projects to encourage more male students to enrol in Nursing as they are found to fare equally with their female counterparts, and;
- 6. Further studies on the comparison of one teacher instructional approach in both portion/aspects of
  Nursing courses and 2 teacher approach could be conducted.

  Duplication of the present study could be conducted to
  include all the Nursing courses and to include more
  respondents.

intelligently and persistently in his desire to improve". According to Juan L. Manuel (1974) the primary motive οť the curriculum should be specified that it is a means of all integrating education and life. The content of in all levels should be related to the subject areas condition of the time. The curriculum must be viewed in term of facts or subjects matter to be mastered but terms of learnings to be acquired and applied in meeting everyday situation (Rodriguez, 1974).

The De La Salle University-Emilio Aguinaldo College formerly General Emilio Aguinaldo College (GEAC). The word "General" was removed thus the school's name was Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC). During the time when was GEAC the nursing courses being offered were the 3 year Graduate in Nursing (GN) and the 4 - year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Having finished GN, students in the old curriculum who wanted to earn a bachelor degree were required to take one - year Supplemental Course. In the year 1981, GN was phased out and BSN remained. On June, 1987, De La Salle University (DLSU) bought EAC and the BSN curriculum continued to be in effect. The instructional approach is team teaching. Three to four faculty members handle the lecture or theory aspect and 1 separate clinical instructor handles the actual clinical In each nursing subject both the lecture and duty.

actual clinical duty have separate weighted units and numbers of hours. In N - 102 lecture has an equivalent weight of 4 units and Actual Duty has 2 units. In N - 103 lecture has 6 units and actual duty has 5 units. In N - 104 lecture has 6 units and actual duty has 7 units. In N - 105 lecture has 5 units and actual duty has 6 units and in N - 106 lecture has 3 units while actual duty has 7 units.

This instructional approach in the College of Nursing supports its mission to integrate knowledge with practice to produce competencies that will reflect the standard of the Institution at large and utilize these gain to meet the needs of the family, individual and society".

## Background of the Study

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The nursing students at the College of Nursing, DLSU-EAC are expected to follow certain policies. In first year they are required to enrol in minor and cognate subjects at the College of Arts and Sciences. In second year, they start their internship which continues up to fourth year. They take nursing courses from Nursing 101 to Nursing 107.

It has been observed that several times nursing students passed the clinical duty but failed in theoretical preparation. In view of this, the researcher

wanted to investigate the best predictor of performance in the actual clinical duty. She was notivated to find out if the Liberal Arts Preparation or Theoretical Preparation (lecture portion of each nursing course) could predict the performance in Actual Clinical Duty.

#### Conceptual Framework

This study was anchored on the concept of Verlindin that grades are assessment of the present level of achievement in the future. The relationship of the variables in this study is plotted along the following conceptual framework:

Figure 1. Conceptual Model

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Criterion Variable

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