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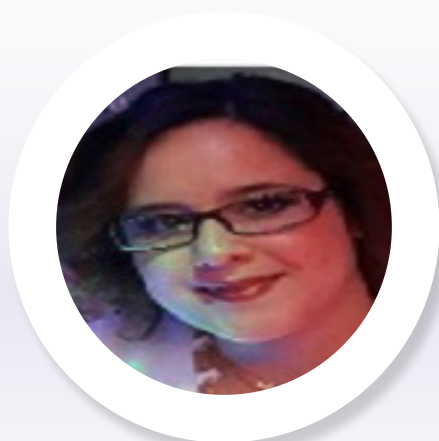
Turkey's nursing education system and clinical nursing

Nursing education in Turkey is an important part of most of the country's major universities. Nursing education in Turkey is developing speedily in accordance within the trend towards globalization. Higher education of nursing in Turkey is given for four years after a total 12 years of primary, secondary and high school education. Nursing programs include 4600 hours of theoretical and practical education (2300 theory and 2300 practical training). Nursing departments in health sciences faculty includes: Fundamentals of nursing, medical nursing, surgical nursing, obstetric gynecology nursing, pediatric nursing, mental health nursing, community health nursing and nursing management and Bachelor nursing includes practical training; courses lecturers manage both theoretical and clinical practice in general, 10-15 nursing students' study in the clinic area with one teacher, students can study with experienced nurses working in the clinics. Nurses work with a shift system after they graduate, and their shift times vary in health care institutions. Each institution sets shift periods and the shifts can be 8 hours/12 hours/16 hours. A nurse working in a public organization must work at least 40 hours a week. In private hospitals, this is 60 hours a week. In a shift, the number of patients a nurse cares for varies according to the units. The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of nursing education and nursing in Turkey.

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