

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER: Level of Cultural Self-Efficacy of Registered Nurses

STUDENT: Judith A. Nave, BSN, RN

DEGREE: Masters of Science

COLLEGE: College of Applied Science and Technology

DATE: August, 2008

Cultural diversity and associated disparities in health care outcomes calls for increased attention to the care that nurses provide. Culturally sensitive care requires knowledge and confidence. It is important to identify the level of cultural self-efficacy of registered nurses to improve nursing practice and health outcomes. The purpose of this descriptive, correlational study is to assess the level of self-efficacy in Registered Nurses, and to identify relationships among selected demographic characteristics of nurses and Cultural Self-Efficacy. This is a replication of Hagman's (2006) study. The framework is Bernal and Froman's Theory of Cultural Self-Efficacy. The study will be conducted at the Community Hospital Network in Indiana. The anticipated sample is 200 Licensed Registered Nurses selected via computer from Community Hospital Network. The Cultural Self-Efficacy Scale (CSES) will measure nurses' confidence in knowledge and skills to deliver culturally sensitive care. This study is significant because the findings can provide information to evaluate the effectiveness of culturally sensitive nursing care.