

## **Level of Acquisition and Extent of Utilization of Nursing Core Competencies in Actual Practice among Students of Prime-Nursing Review Center from 2018 – 2022**

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### **Abstract**

Ideally, competencies acquired in nursing academic institutions should be applied in actual practice to ensure the delivery of excellent quality services and reduce risks for clients. The objective of the study is to determine the level of acquisition and degree of utilization of the 11 nursing core competencies in actual practice namely safe and quality nursing care, management of resources and environment, health education, legal responsibility, ethics-moral responsibility, personal and professional development, quality improvement, research, records management, communication, collaboration and teamwork among students of Prime-Nursing Review Center from 2018-2022. It also investigated the degree of relationship between the above-stated variables utilizing a descriptive-correlational design. A total of 80 nursing respondents completed a validated and reliable survey questionnaire. Statistical tools employed are mean, standard deviation, and Pearson-r. Results revealed that respondents have greatly acquired and utilized in actual practice the majority of the 11 nursing competencies with research competency as the least acquired and utilized nursing core competency. Further, it was determined that there is a very high positive correlation between the overall level of acquisition and the overall extent of utilization of all 11 nursing core competencies in actual practice among the respondents. The findings of this research became the basis for a proposed review program enhancement designed to further enhance the core competencies of Prime-Nursing Review Center students.

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