

# A Descriptive Study To Assess The Factors Affecting Absenteeism Among Student Nurses In A Selected College of Nursing In Urban Area

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**Abstract-** *This descriptive study is to evaluate the factors affecting absenteeism among student's nurses of selected nursing college of urban area. Nursing colleges who are having courses like B.Sc. And M.Sc. runs regular schedule from Monday to Saturday for around eight hours. The main objective of the study was to determine the main factors which affect the absenteeism. Total sixty nursing students were selected for study. The student expressed reasons for remaining of absent are transport, assignment and family function.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The major problem faced by school and colleges are absenteeism of students. Professional courses are also not exempted from it. Poor student attendance has far reaching effects on the individual, the school and society in general. Routine school attendance is necessary for youth to develop into well-educated successful adult citizens who will make significant contributions to society. Absenteeism is a major problem in the process of gaining knowledge, innovation, and skills in achieving the personal and professional goal. The absenteeism of nursing students from classrooms and clinical setting has a negative impact on their performance and prolongs the length of their studying. Regular attendance fulfils several important goals of higher education. It encourages the students to organize their thinking by comparing new ideas .it plays an important role in enhancing student performance because it helps the student to submit assignment on time, enhance collaboration among students, increase the test score confidence and understanding of basic concepts. The important aspects of attendance is class participation which help students to have discussion, avoid confusion on any topic and importance of team work. Absenteeism will result in fewer professional nurses being trained thereby impacting on the quality of nursing care patients receive as there will be fewer professionals nurse who complete training. As stated by Yun, Jie and Anli, today's health sectors worldwide face the challenge of providing high quality care, despite increasing healthcare cost

and limited resources. In particular, the scarcity of qualified health personnel, including nurses, is being highlighted as one of the biggest obstacles to achieving the Millennium Development Goals for improving the health and well-being of global population. A study carried out by Connelly et al. revealed that nursing students have the highest prevalence of drop- out is most concerning. Hence the researcher decided to explore the causes and effect of absenteeism among student nurse

## II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

A descriptive study to assess the factors affecting absenteeism among student nurses in a selected college of nursing in urban area.

## III. OBJECTIVES

- 1) To determine the factor influencing absenteeism among nursing students.
- 2) To find out highest associating factors that influence the absenteeism.

## IV. METHODOLOGY

A descriptive research design was used. The sample consist of 100 nursing students selected by nonprobability purposive sampling technique. The technique used was self-reported questionnaire along with likert scale. Total number of question included in tools were twelve and the eight statements in Likert scale regarding common factors leading to absenteeism. The tool was developed after going through different literatures and researches.

### Data collection procedure.

To conduct the study formal written permission was obtained from the concerned authority before data collection. The samples were collected as per batches and distributed

questionnaire and Likert scale after taking their consent for same.

**V. ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION.**

Data was analysed and was presented under following sections.

Section I: data regarding demographic variable

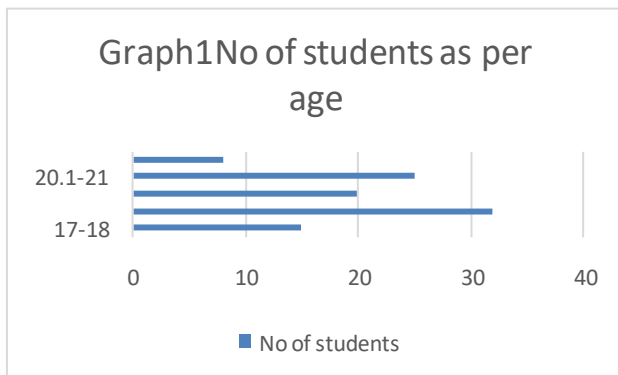
Section II: Factors influencing the absenteeism among nursing students

Section III: the attitude of students towards it

**Section I: Demographic Variables.**

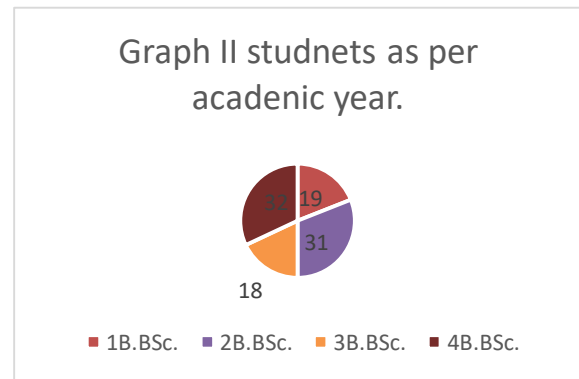
**Table 1:** The data regarding Age of students.

Age in years	Number of students
17-18	15
18.1 - 19	32
19.1- 20	20
20.1 - 21	25
Above 21	8



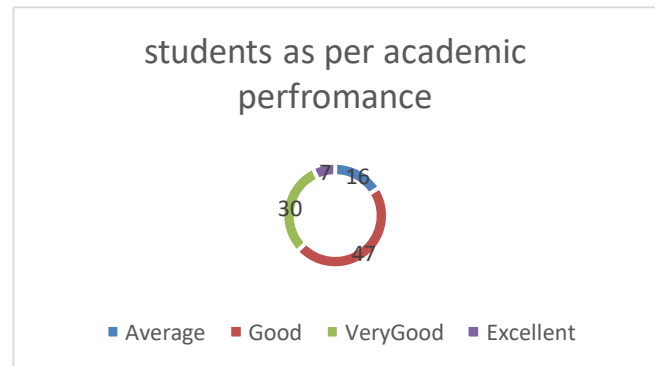
**Table 2: Academic year of students**

Academic year of students	Number of students
First year B.Sc. Nursing	19
Second year B.Sc. Nursing	31
Third year B.Sc. Nursing	18
Fourth year B.Sc. Nursing	32



**Table 3 academic performance of the students.**

Academic performance of students	Number of students
Average	16
Good	47
Very Good	30
Excellent	7



**Section II**

This section contains the data regarding the factors influencing the absenteeism among the students.

1. Feeling lazy to attend college daily 48.3%
2. Remaining absent in college when assignments are incomplete.
3. Not interested in study 10%.
4. Mental tension by teachers 33%.
5. Unable to understand teaching 13.33%
6. Scare to get scolding 33%.
7. Function and celebration at home 68, 33%.
8. Due to Health issues 56.66%.
9. Transportation problem 50%.
10. Family issues 68.3%.
11. Clinical workload 56.66%.
12. Attitudes of senior staff in clinical 26.66%.

13. Easy availability of study material 33.3%.

The results of the study showed that absenteeism amongst student nurses in nursing colleges are relatively high. The study confirmed a relationship between absenteeism of student nurses and the identified factors that were perceived to be contributory. From the results research instrument, ill health, assignment submission, mental harassment of the teachers and celebration at home are the factor contributing to absenteeism and in clinical the factor is workload.

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