

ATTITUDE TO USE ENGLISH DURING THE PRACTICUM IN MATERNAL AND CHILD II AT SUAN SUNANDHA NURSING COLLEGE.

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ABSTRACT

Thailand would like to be a Hub Medical in this region. To prepare for this we need to prepare the staff in health care team, especially the nurses. Research shows that the English proficiency in Thailand is not good. It is 62nd in the world (English proficiency, 2016). This result is in line with the study of Kamonrat, et al. and her team found that the ability of English is lower than the standard. The researcher, while teaching Antenatal Care, observed that there were foreign clients. The nursing students cannot advise pregnant women in English although they understand everything in Thai. The other researcher at **Suan Sunandha** university Teeraporn Kitjarak was found that the study findings reveal following : . Seventy-six point four percent of the target students have fair English speaking ability. Fifteen point five percent of them have the excellent English speaking ability and eight point one percent of them have the poor English speaking ability. The factors that affected English speaking of the students were English learning strategies (X 13), habits in learning English language (X 12) and their grade averages (X 5) at the 0.05 level

English of nursing skill must be improved during their studies. The researcher believes that they need more practice in using English especially in speaking.

Maternal and Child II practicum is the subject that the researcher and her students worked at Klang, Taksin and Phanangkao Hospitals. The nursing students practiced with pregnant women but when they have to advise the foreign pregnant women, they find difficulty in dealing with them. They cannot teach them although the students know the contents in Thai. The researcher was trying to encourage the use of English language. The method that was used to train them in English was through pre and post conferences. In some instances, the researcher tried to talk to the foreign clients in English in front of the students and discuss things with them in English. Most of the students would like to speak but they are short of vocabulary to express their ideas.

Keywords: Attitude to Use English, The Practicum in Maternal, Suan Sunandha Nursing College

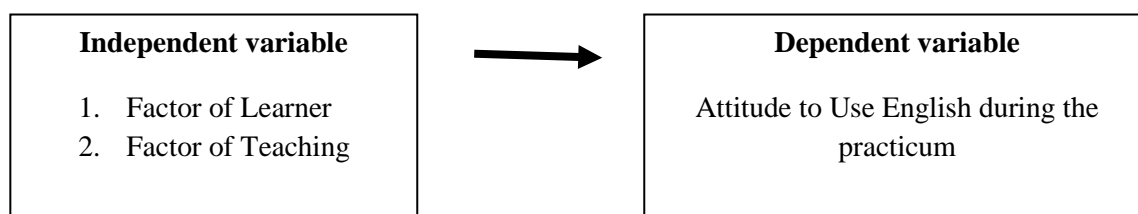
OBJECTIVE

To study the attitude to use English during the practicum in Maternal and Child II.

Definition of terms:

1. Attitude - it means the feeling of mind that occurs by experience and learning and show by like and dislike that occur during the practicum in Maternal and Child II.
2. Nursing students - it means the Fourth Year nursing students of Suan Sunandha Nursing College.
3. English skill - it means the process of using English in reading, listening and speaking during pre- post conference.

Frame of research



Benefit of Research

1. To develop English proficiency by Reading Listening and Speaking about abnormal Pregnant women

Table 1
Amount and Percentage of person data by Age, Average grade, and Special class in English.

General data	Amount	Percentage of person data
1. Sex		
Male	3	6.81
Female	41	93.18
2.Age		
20 years	5	11.33
21 years	29	65.90
morthan 22 years	10	22.72
3.Average grade		
2.00 - 2.49		
2.50 - 2.99	20	45.44
3.00 - 3.49	24	54.54
3.50 - 4.00		
4.Special class in English while attending The University		
Use to learn	18	40.90
No use to leaen	26	59.09

Table 1 shows that three (3) of the respondents are Males while 44 of them are Females. Five (5) of them are 21 years old, 29 are 22 years old, and one of them is more than 22 years old. The average grades are: 2.55 – 2.99, 19 persons; 3.00 – 3.49, 22 persons.

Table 2
Attitude to Use English during the practicum in Maternal and Child II (n= 44)

Attitude in Useing English	Level of opinion				
	Strong agree	Agree	Middle agree	Not agree	Strong Not agree
Dislike the use of English		4	5	1	31
No need to use English		1	4	2	25
Need to improve English	27	8	5	3	

Table 2 depicts the attitude of the students towards English during the teaching of Maternal and Child. Most of them (25 students), like English and prefer to improve their English skill.

Table 3
Percentage of sample classify by Obstrucle in English conversation. (N =44)

Attitude in Useing English	Level of opinion				
	Strong agree	Agree	Strong agree	Not agree	Strong agree
Lack of confidence to Speak English	10	10	19	4	
Pronunciation is not clear	1	9	12	13	4
Thinking in Thai first before English Speaking	1	12	18	12	
Lack of confidence before grammatical error	3	9	19	13	2
Lack of Vocabulary English before Speaking		9	22	9	3

From Table III, it shows that there are 19 persons who are lack of confidence during the pre/post conference; 15 persons have to think first in Thai before understanding it in English language. There are 22 of them who found to have problems in vocabulary during speaking practice.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The primary objective of this research that was conducted in a classroom setting is to study the attitude of nursing students at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University in using English during the practicum in Maternal and Child II. The respondents are 44 nursing students who practiced simultaneously at Kang Hospital, Taksin Hospital and Phanangkhaio Hospital. Another purpose of this study is to provide the students with opportunity to practice English with foreign clients and instructors.

The results found are as follows:

1. Most of them have positive in English language and some of them would like to improve their English.
2. The obstrucles in using the English language are lack of confidence in speaking and lack of vocabulary.

From the results, it was found that the students have a concern in the importance of English and they prefer to keep it improving themselves.

SUGGESTION

We should the innovation to learn more in English.

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