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**Attitudes of Nursing Students about Ageism and the Related Factors**

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**Background:** At the end of the twentieth century, life expectancy increased. Therefore, approach to elderly people started to become important.

**Aims:** The study is carried out to determine the attitudes of students about ageism and the relationship of these attitudes with some variables.

**Methodology:** This descriptive type of research is carried out on 293 students studying in nursing department of health high school between October-November 2013 and agreeing to take part in the research.

**Results:** The point average of nursing students' Ageism Attitude Scale (AAS) is  $79.49 \pm 9.04$  and it has been found out that the positive discrimination points towards the elderly.

**Conclusions:** It has been found out that the nursing students have positive attitudes towards ageism.

**Key words:** Ageism, Elderly, Nursing student