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Problems Experienced by Midwifery And Nursing Students in Turkey During Clinical Practice and their Recommended Solutions to the Problems

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ABSTRACT

AIMS: The purpose of this research was to identify nursing and midwifery students' problems during clinical practice, their recommended solutions for problems and to use the research results to improve midwifery and nursing education.

METHODOLOGY: The population of this descriptive study was comprised of the second, third and fourth year students at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University School for Health Science. No sampling was done, 169 (84.5%) of the students participated voluntarily in the study. Research data were collected on a questionnaire. Prior to beginning the study written permission was obtained from the school administration and verbal consent from all participant. Research data were analyzed with descriptive statistics were used to analyse the data.

RESULTS: According to the study results 94.1% of the students reported that the teaching staff were not with them during clinical practice, 92.9% that they were not able to transfer theoretic knowledge they had learned into practice, 87% that they were used to do tasks other than their primary patient care on the ward, 81.1% that the teaching staff was not able to establish cooperation with the hospital employees, 79.9% that they were excluded from clinical practice, 75.1% that the teaching staff were not able to form objective assessment criteria for students on the ward, 74.4% that the students were not shown tolerance and patience, and 60.9% that they perceived being closely checked according to guidelines to be a problem.

CONCLUSION: The students were found to have problems with teaching staff about clinical practice and problems with hospital employees, and inadequate supplies and physical conditions on the wards. Recommendations were made based on the results.

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