

Research Note

Analysis of elements on international nursing textbooks in Japan

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Abstract

Objective

To clarify the elements of books published as international nursing textbooks after the 1996 revision of the Nursing Law.

Method

The National Diet Library of Japan and Amazon websites were searched for 20 textbooks, using the keyword "international nursing". The table of contents (elements) of the textbooks was classified into three categories: "purpose", "object", and "method". After this classification, each element was qualitatively classified according to semantic similarity.

Results

The first textbook was published in 1999, and the remaining 19 after 2001. There were 14 independent editions of international nursing, two of which were classified under international nursing and disaster nursing, and four were classified under international nursing and international health. "Purpose" was classified into 6 categories: [Definition/concept/necessity of international nursing], [Internationalization (globalization) and nursing], [Place and target of international nursing], [Definition/concept/necessity of international health], [Intercultural understanding, Cross-cultural nursing, multicultural coexistence], [History of international nursing and health]. "Target" was classified into 12 categories: such as [Foreigners Residents], [Japanese residents abroad], [Maternal and child health, reproductive health, gender], [Infectious diseases], [Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)], [Poverty and disparity], [MDGs, SDGs, UHC], [Foreign nurses]. "Method" was classified into 5 categories: [Place and target of International Health/Nursing], [Abilities/Roles required for International Nursing], [Methods and Theories used in International Nursing and International Cooperation], [Approach in cross-cultural nursing], [Directions and issues of international nursing and international cooperation].

Discussion

The international nursing textbooks contained a wide range of topics for teaching, including "international health" and "international cooperation". In addition, there were differences in the contents depending on the authors. In the future, it will be necessary to identify the important elements and their frameworks and include these in international nursing books.

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