



Traversing 21st Century Filipino Values and Clinical Competence of Nurses In Selected Healthcare Institutions in Bacoor City, Cavite

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Abstract: This descriptive, correlational study sought to determine the relationship between modern Filipino values and clinical competency of nurses in selected hospitals and other health care institutions of Bacoor City, Cavite. Value mirrors one's personality. The 21st century Filipinos exemplify the five modern Filipino values namely; *pananalig*, *katapatan*, *pag-aaruga*, *kasipagan*, and *tibay ng loob*.

All professionals should possess good values that might help and even influence their clients. Nursing is being considered as one of the noblest professions. It takes time to be called a nurse. A lot of skills enhancements, trainings and passion are needed to become a full-fledge nurse. Filipino nurses should possess with them good values most specifically the said five modern Filipino values, as they are given the mandate to promote health and wellness, prevent disease, alleviate suffering, and provide optimum health care to their patients. With 100 working nurses as participants, selected through purposive sampling, at .05 level of significance, this study shows a significant relationship between clinical competency of nurses and the five modern Filipino values: *pananalig* ($r=.788$); *katapatan* ($r=.788$), *pag-aaruga* ($r=.687$); *kasipagan* ($r=.881$) and *tibay ng loob* ($r=.881$). This means that the more nurses exemplify the five modern Filipino values their level of competency in terms of their knowledge, skills and attitude towards nursing escalates. This study may further help Filipino nurses to improve their awareness on how to practice the nursing profession in the most proper and unique way, boost their self confidence and influence other people with positive modern Filipino values. Moreover, the study can be replicated to other jobs outside nursing.

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