

**A STUDY OF INFORMATION LITERACY LEVEL
AMONG STUDENT NURSES IN
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ABSTRACT

Information literacy has grown into an important skill among nurses, especially during this era of “information overabundant environment”. Nurses are lack in information literacy skills, which the skills will benefit nurses in applying evidence in practice. The purpose of this study is to describe the levels of information literacy among student nurses, regarding their background on Information Technology, accessibility to information, information skills and attitude towards information. The study was carried out in 2009 among Year 1 Semester 1 student nurses (N=81) in classrooms or clinical areas. Self-administered questionnaires was handed out and used as a data collection instrument. The study showed poor level of knowledge and skills background, low level of accessibility, poor information skills and negative attitude towards information. Thus, Year 1 Semester 1 has poor level of information literacy. Therefore, it is important to introduce information education in the nursing curricular. Nursing student must ensure they are fully competent in information and became information literate when they join the workforce.