

A Multinational investigation of student nurses/midwives perceptions of spirituality & competence in delivering spiritual care 2011-2015

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•Drivers

- Codes of ethics
- Education guidelines
- Demonstration of competence
- Increasing evidence base
- Government health guidance/policy
- Concerns about standards of care
- National surveys (UK, others?)

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Aims

- 1. Describe development of student nurses' /midwives' perceptions of spirituality and competence in delivering spiritual care during their undergraduate education programmes.
- 2. To explore cross cultural differences/ similarities in the development of perceptions and competence.

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Research questions

- 1. How do students perceive spirituality & spiritual care and how do their perceptions change over time?
- 2. How competent are students in delivering spiritual care and how does this change over time?
- 3. How do students rate their personal spirituality during their course?

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Research questions cont.

- What factors appear to contribute to:
4 changes in: perceptions of spirituality and spiritual care; competence; personal spirituality over time?
5 enable development of competence?
6 differences in perception and competence between countries, between nurses and midwives and between religious and secular universities?

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Pilot study

- Sept-Dec 2010
- 4 centres: Wales (UK), Netherlands, Malta, Norway (531 students)
- £9022 from University of Glamorgan Research Investment Fund

Specific aims of pilot study

- Determine final set of questionnaires
- Test demographic questionnaire
- Idea of time. How long for completion of questionnaires? administration by staff? coding and input of data? Data analysis?
- Idea of sample size?
- Statistical analysis
- Test out logistics

Pilot study complete

- Findings disseminated here
- Publication Journal of Clinical Nursing
- Main finding:
Students' belief system & life experience impacted upon the study measures

2nd meeting

- Core group January 2011, London

Main study

- Funding application submitted to Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) May 2011
- >£200,000
- Expected outcome November 2011

Main study: 23 universities, 12 countries

Country	Lead	No. Uni's	Estimated sample size	Data collection
Netherlands	Rene van Leeuwen	3	250	Collected 9/11
England	Wilfred McSherry Aru Narayanasamy Jenny Hall	3	830	Tbc Jan '12 Collected 10/11 Being collected
Wales	Linda Ross	1	135	Collected 10/11
Scotland	Beth Seymour	1	635	?
Malta	Donia Baldacchino	1	200	Tbc 11/11
Norway	Tove Giske	7	765	Being collected
Sweden	Tiburtius Koslander	1	50	Collected 10/11
USA (California)	Pamela Cone	1	60	Tbc Jan '12

Country	Lead	No. Uni's	Estimated sample size	Data collection
Romania	Marta Payer	1	92	Collecting soon
Moldova	Anna Suvac	1	60	?
Columbia	Bertha Antolinez	2	120	Being collected
Denmark	Vibeke Østergaard Steinfeldt	1	70	?
		Total	3167	

Challenges

- Money
- Enthusiasm
- Getting to the students
- Persuading colleagues of need
- Persuading the students of need
- Co-ordination on international scale