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The relationship between nursing students' attitudes towards gender equality and dating violence

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Statement of the Problem: This study was planned to determine relationship between university students' attitudes towards gender equality and dating violence.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: Study was conducted with 310 students who were studied in a nursing department of university, agreed to participate study from April-May 2017. In this descriptive-analytical type study, Personal Information Form, Dating Violence Scale (DVS), Gender Equality Scale (GES) were used as data collection tools. In analysis, descriptive statistics, non-parametric, correlation analyses were used.

Findings: 62.3% of the students were female, 96.1% were single, 26.8% were the first year, the average age was 20.94 \pm 1.91. It was determined 75.4% of young ones came Mediterranean region, the majority of their parents had education level as a primary school and they had a moderate level of income. GES and subscale (traditional, equality sex) averages of students were 50.6 \pm 0.6, 42.7 \pm 6.1, 7.9 \pm 1.3. There was no statistically significant difference between means of GES according to marital status, place of birth, mother education level and family income level (p>0.05). It was determined means of GES were statistically significantly different according to gender, class and father's educational status. GES scores of female students, fourth-year students, and students who had fathers with university degrees were higher than those of others (p<0.05). In the study, mean of DVS and subscales (general, physical, emotional, economic, sexual violence) were 4.2 \pm 0.4, 4.5 \pm 0.5, 4.3 \pm 0.7, 4.0 \pm 0.6, 3.8 \pm 0.9, 4.4 \pm 0.6. A statistically significant difference was found between means of DVS scores according to gender, father education level of students (p<0.05). As students' perception of gender equality increased, their attitudes which didn't support dating violence increased (p<0.01).

Conclusion & Significance: It was determined students had moderate levels of gender equality perception, they didn't support dating violence. Students' awareness can be raised via trainings on gender roles and prevention of sex-based violence.

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