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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted to find out the relation of students' attitudes and coping strategies toward Final examination of selected Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen of Cavite State University.

It aimed to (a) identify the demographic profile of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen of Cavite State University in terms of age; gender; and civil status; (b) identify the attitudes of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen toward final examination in terms of excitement, confidence, enthusiasm, anxiety, and uncertainty; (c) identify the coping strategies of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen toward final examination in terms of task-oriented, emotion-oriented, and avoidance-oriented coping strategy; (d) identify the type of attitude related to final examination; (e) determine the type of coping strategy related to final examination and (f) identify the relationship of students' attitudes and coping strategies toward final examination of selected Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen of Cavite State University.

This study was conducted during October 2006, which focused mainly on the students' attitudes and coping strategies of selected Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen of Cavite State University, AY 2006-2007.

Out of 230 student respondents, twenty-three (23) Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen were chosen from each section. The constructed test and modified coping

strategy were used to determine the students' attitudes and coping strategies toward final examination.

The findings of the study revealed that enthusiasm attitude obtained the highest attitude of the respondents, while task-oriented and emotion-oriented coping strategy were the moderate coping strategy of the respondents toward the final examination.

Results revealed that there were no significant relation between students' attitudes and final examination. Coping strategies were found to have no significant relation with final examination. Furthermore, students' attitudes were found to have significant relation with coping strategies.

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INTRODUCTION

Nursing course becomes one of the most in demand courses not only in the Philippines but as well as in abroad. Many students took nursing course for that special reason. Nursing students here in Cavite State University – Indang Campus experienced a lot of pressures and different attitudes in abiding in the field where they belong. They have rules and regulations to follow and average to maintain and to successfully finish the field they have chosen. For about 53 drop-out students last semester, nursing students are trying to be careful and passionate enough in their studies.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Freshmen as novices in their field share varied attitudes and different coping strategies toward final examination. It is necessary to know their different attitudes toward final examination and give them knowledge on how to cope with it so that it will not become a hindrance in their success.