

ABSTRACT

Nursing Science Program is an FE college of health that newly developed in a university (since 1994). It was carried out at academy level before (since 1962), as Nursing Academy.

There are many debates in discussing about professionalism of nursing care and service connected to the professional competence of the nurse. Nursing as an integral part of health service system is in rapid and fundamental changing for nearly 2 decades. It's stimulated by community needs of a qualified nursing care and service, and the development of science and technology.

The changing system in health service through Primary Health Care approach is designed by experts at UNO/WHO. A qualified health service system which covers entire citizens requires professional nurses. The entry point for professional nurses is nursing education development which meets the professional and academic criteria against the national college system.

Long time ago, nurse education was carried out by Health Department completely to fulfil the needs of human resources in health based on its own program. Nursing is regarded as a part of medical service and addressed to assist it. Nursing care and service, in the past, based on rigid procedural skill to do their actions as the follow up to medical actions. It's been taken for along time and it influenced to the planning, organizing and manpower structure of health institution. In everyday job, there is no autonomous nurse action because its action is always the task to assist or help doctor. This is why arise judgement and opinion that nurse is a 'doctor assistant.'

Public and patients' complaints arise; such as vicious nurse, impoliteness, unfriendliness, stealing patients' medicine, and other behavior that against the law. Whereas each nurse should have and apply morale values in their job as well as their code of ethics.

The Regulation no.23/1992 about Health explains that implementation of therapy and / or nursing according to the medical and / or nursing science can only be done by people who have competence and authority for it.

Recognizing the importance of nursing manpower in health and therapy efforts has had serious attention since it's accepted and recognized as professional service and not as doctor assistant anymore. Actually after having National Workshop for Nursing, 1983, and the government has legislated the Regulation no.23/1992 about Health.

Patient satisfaction is not only determined by having modern facilities and equipments, glorious hospital or public health center building, but also the quality of nursing care is a determinant factor.

Facing the globalization, particularly AFTA and accelerated liberalism in service sector, it is necessary to increase and improve the quality of nursing service through developing the professionalism of nurse in order to be able to compete with other nurses from abroad,

Nursing Science Program (PSIK) in UNPAD as the FE college which graduates professional nurse has obligation to develop nursing in many aspects, such as its scientific, professionalism and organization, and also the educational management. Those all are for increasing the qualified output and outcome.