

ABSTRACT

Challenges/Experiences Encountered by Recently Trained Nurses During Their Period of Studentship: An Investigation Into How These Challenges and Experiences Impact on Their Ability to Complete the Basic Nursing Education Programme (BNEP)

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This study sought to investigate the challenges and experiences of nursing students during their period of training in the Basic Nursing Education Programme in Trinidad and Tobago. Data were collected through interviews held with a purposive sample of four student nurses. The findings suggested that lecturers' method of delivery of the academic curriculum was most challenging, and that supervision of students in the clinical area was almost non-existent. In addition, senior registered nurses were not willing to teach students because of the shortage of trained nursing staff on the wards and lack of rewards.

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