ABSTRACT

KNOWLEDGE AND PERCEPTION OF TUTORS AND GRADUATES OF THE KINGSTON SCHOOL OF NURSING REGARDING THE CONCEPT "HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000"

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Approximately eighty percent (80%) of the health care team consist of nurses. Recognising that in another eight years the goal "Health for all by the year 2000" must be achieved, it is imperative that nursing education adequately prepare nurses to assume their role in achieving this international goal by the end of the century.

The study assessed knowledge, practice and perception of current tutors at the Kingston School of Nursing and graduates for the period 1977-1987.
Questionnaires were administered to both the tutors and graduates 1977 to 1987. The response rate was 85%.

The tutors scored 100% for knowledge of the concept while the graduates scored 75%. Eighty nine percent (89%) of the tutors and 57% of the graduates respectively respond positively to the practical application of the concept.

Perception was very high for both groups although the achieving of the goal for the year 2000 got a low score.