

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Challenges and Issues Faced by Male Nursing Students in the Profession of Nursing: The Lived Experiences of Male Nursing Students in a School of Nursing in South Trinidad**

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This qualitative study sought to describe the challenges faced by male nursing students, specifically related to clinical practice, classroom experiences, career advancement, and related stigma, through the lived experiences of three final-year students at the School of Nursing in South Trinidad. Data were collected through interviews. The themes that were identified included: 1) career choice, 2) identity of the male nurse, 3) public perception 4) inadequate clinical supervision, 5) recruitment of males in nursing, 6) discrimination, 7) lack of respect, 8) need for recognition, 9) student and ward staff relationship, 10) inequality in training programme, and 11) limited opportunities for advancement.

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