

# Self-Awareness of Civility Among Nursing Faculty in Creating a Positive Learning Environment



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# **Background**

#### **Incivility in Nursing Education**

- Lack of respect for others
- Condescending speech or attitudes
- Failure to listen to other's points of view
- Disruptive behavior in classroom
- Bullying or potentially violent behaviors
- Unpredictable and unstructured environment

#### **Positive Learning Environment**

- Nursing faculty are role models for civility:
  - Students
  - Coworkers
  - Practice partners
- Professional obligation to create PLE
- Self awareness of civil behavior is key in order to create PLE
- Students learn most effectively in PLE

#### Relevance to Leadership



- Self awareness is key to effective leadership
- Increases productivity and improves outcomes

# **Purpose of Study**

# **Explore perceptions of nursing faculty civility**

- Professional behaviors
- Communication (verbal and nonverbal)
- Behavior towards students
- Teaching styles and strategies

#### **Raise Awareness**

Reflective exercise to measure perceptions of faculty civility

#### **Identify strengths & opportunities**

- Improve civility in academic setting
- Create and sustain PLE

# **Conceptual Model**



#### Methods

**Design:** An exploratory descriptive research design utilizing an online web-based survey

**Setting:** On-line web based survey generated by SurveyMonkey.com

**Sample:** Nursing-faculty teaching students in the classroom setting:

- Morgan State University (MSU)
- Coppin State University
- Stevenson University
- Howard University
- Salisbury University
- Bowie State University
- Salisbury University
- Montgomery College
- Howard Community College
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of District of Columbia

Inclusion Criteria: English speaking/reading/writing nurse faculty teaching in the classroom settling

Recruitment: IRB approval from MSU; voluntary participation by nursing faculty interested in participating in study

**Instrument**: "Civility Index for Faculty"

## **Data Analysis**

#### **Specific Aims**

- Explore nurse-faculty's perceptions of their civil behaviors in classroom in creating a PLE
  - Descriptive statistics
- Identify the relationships between demographic variables and their awareness of civil behavior in the classroom in creating a PLE
  - Pearson's r for interval level variables:
    - Age
    - Education
    - Years of nursing experience
    - Years in teaching nursing students
- Identify the differences across demographic variables with their awareness of civil behavior in the classroom in creating PLE
  - Independent t-test and Kruskal Wallis ANOVA
    - > Ethnicity
    - Education







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