

An investigation of aged care mental health knowledge of Queensland aged care nurses

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Research aim:

This study sought to identify the aged care mental health knowledge of registered nurses (RNs) employed in long-term aged care and test the validity and reliability of a North American tool for use in an Australian context.

Results/Conclusion:

Participants were found to be unprepared for the reality of caring for the mental health needs of an older population and to have knowledge deficits related to suicide, prevalence of mental illness, mental health and ethnicity, and a number of issues regarding dementia.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Location of study:

Queensland

Age group:

Number included in study:

107

Type of participants:

Resident Nurses in long-term care facilities in Queensland

Research approach:

Quantitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Mary Starke Harper Ageing Knowledge Exam (MSHAKE)

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: