

Developments in Turkey for Nursing: Letter to the Editor

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Thanks to the important developments in the nursing profession for implementing Turkey in recent years, this field of study get the chances of expressing itself more easily.

In our country, the first Nursing Law was adopted with the number 6283 on 25.02.1954. This law suggests that nursing is described as a woman profession when you graduate from Nursing High School. However, because of this law, today the new changes are proposed to remain away from nursing education and services. For this purpose, the law on changes to on the nursing and has been recognized with the number 5634 on 25.04.2007. One of the innovations brought by the nurse's of the law is that the education stages of nursing has been improved. According to the law in 2007; undergraduate degree, thanks to their graduate study for nurses, specializes after you have been registered by the Ministry of Health nurse specialist degrees. "Those who graduate from Nursing Education work as a nurse the equivalent of health technician programs" and with this article provided men to make the profession of nursing in Turkey. Gender discrimination has been eliminated on the nursing profession since 2007.

In addition, 27515 in the Official Newspeaper on March 8, 2010 "Nursing Regulation" was published. With this first regulation, the scope, duties, powers and responsibilities of Nursing Service has been determined. By the Ministry of Health in 2011, "Working Unit/Department/Unit/Nurses by sector Duties and Responsibilities" and "Nursing Initiatives List" to create a new regulation was issued. As the determination of Nursing Attempts List provided contribution to the development of autonomy, it can be said that it has made positive contributions for the development of the profession. For example, in the regulation published in 2011, it has been determined that vital signs (body temperature, pulse, blood pressure, respiration) have been accepted as one of the fields of nursing.

The new regulations have changed the traditional stage of nursing education system, that is, nursing education has been increased undergraduate to level and nurses who completed their postgraduate education have been entitled as “*specialist nurse*”. Besides, it has been indicated that specialist nurses get privileges for the management planning in terms of nursing. In our country, in high school, college-level standard of nursing education today is transformed into the shape of the faculty respectively. Founded in 2011 Istanbul University Florence Nightingale School is Turkey’s first nursing faculty. Dokuz Eylül University School of Nurs-

ing, Faculty of Ege University Nursing School are other educational institutions that perform the new regulations.

As Turkish Nursing Association does not have ethical principles of nursing, the “ethical principles and responsibilities of nurses” determined by International Council of Nurses (ICN) are implemented. By taking ethical principles into consideration that every society may have different approaches according to their particular circumstances, the preparation of codes of ethics is suitable for our own country. We hope that development works on this text are completed as soon as possible.