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## *Review of the attitude of Nursing students toward death*

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## **Abstract:**

Nursing students often show distress when called to care for dying patients. A'la et al. found that nursing students had avoidant thoughts towards caring for dying Patients. Nursing curricula represent a core phase in the preparation of nurses to deal with death and dying. Nursing students had avoidant thoughts towards caring for dying patients and nursing students need a more natural acceptance of death and death education before starting clinical placement as they may encounter working with dying patients on their first day of clinical placement. Therefore, nursing students need ongoing support and opportunities to discuss their experiences about death and dying throughout their education. Palliative care is seen as supportive therapy throughout the illness rather than around the time of dying. Working with dying patients requires a natural acceptance of death and dying process. Studies show nursing students should have positive attitudes towards dying patients to give quality care. The final concept concentrates on the quality of life until death and clarifies that the centre of care is maintaining comfort and supporting the patients' last wishes, and this requires morally prepared, skilful and knowledgeable nurses. According to Orem's theory, nurses should be aware of patients' needs and their environment and should intervene when it is possible to ease the end-of-life stage. Therefore, this study aims to examine undergraduate nursing students' acceptance or avoidance of their role in the end-of-life stage, including their attitudes towards death and caring for dying patients.

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