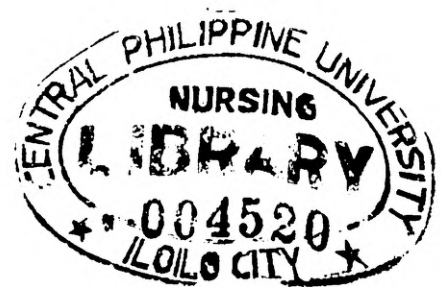


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**ABSTRACT**

This study was conducted to determine the staff nurses' working relationship with doctors in relation to attitudes towards their work. Specifically, the investigation sought to describe the personal characteristics of staff nurses in terms of their age, sex, civil status, length of service, and monthly salary; working relationship of staff nurses with doctors; attitudes of staff nurses towards their work.

This is a descriptive relational study which utilized the one-shot survey design. The data from the 53 staff nurses of three private hospitals in Kalibo, Aklan were gathered through a self-administered questionnaires. There were twenty (20) staff nurses from Saint Gabriel Hospital, eighteen (18) respondents from St. Jude Hospital, and fifteen (15) staff nurses from Aklar Mission Cooperative Mission Hospital.

The data were processed and analyzed using the SPSS statistical software. Descriptive statistics such as frequency, percentage, and mean were used to describe univariate data such as age, sex, civil status, working relationship, and attitudes towards work. To determine the relationship between working relationship of staff nurses with doctors and attitudes towards work, Cramer's V was utilized.

## **Major Findings**

Based on the research problem and the objectives of this study, the major findings were the following:

Majority of the staff nurses in three private hospitals in Kalibo, Aklan were female whose age ranged from 26 to 30 years old.

More than one half of them were married and had been in service for 36 months and below, mostly received a monthly income of P5, 001.00 and above.

In general the staff nurses at the three private hospitals in Kalibo, Aklan revealed that they has poor working relationship with the doctors.

Attitudes of staff nurses towards work were found to be positive. Majority of them were looking forward to report to duty, willing to share unsolicited knowledge and skills to their colleagues, were risk takers in the performance of their work during emergency cases, and reporting promptly to immediate supervisor when committed medication errors.

Working relationship of staff nurses with doctors was found to be not significantly related with the attitudes of staff nurses towards work.