The effectiveness of a nursing simulation-based learning program on students' competence and learning satisfaction

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Background

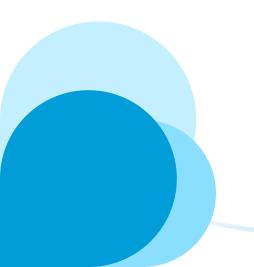
- Simulation-based nursing education was popular recently and have strong educational effects, with particularly large effects in the psychomotor domain (Kim, Park, & Shin, 2016).
- We built simulation.

Purposes

 to evaluate the effects of a simulation-based learning program on nursing students' perception of their competence and learning satisfaction.



Methods



Design

 A quasi-experimental control pre-test and post-test design was used.

Participants

- A convenience sample of 108 sophomores in a nursing department of a technological university were recruited at the end of their sophomore year.
- A total of 45 students decided to enroll in the simulation-based program, but three of them dropped out from the program one semester later.
- Experimental group (N=42)
- Control group (N=66)

Simulation-based program

- Included four simulation-based courses
 - medical-surgical nursing simulation lab
 - obstetric-pediatric nursing simulation lab
 - psychiatric nursing and public health nursing lab
 - comprehensive nursing simulation lab in the third year of college











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Questionnaire

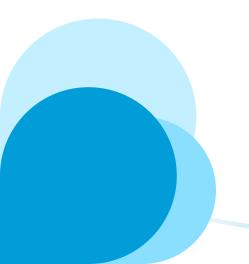
 A nursing competence scale and a learning satisfaction scale that developed by the authors were used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Data Analysis

- Data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics Base 22.0 for windows.
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Independent t-test
 - ANCOVA

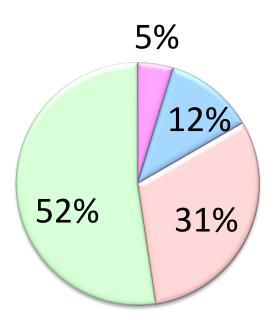


Results

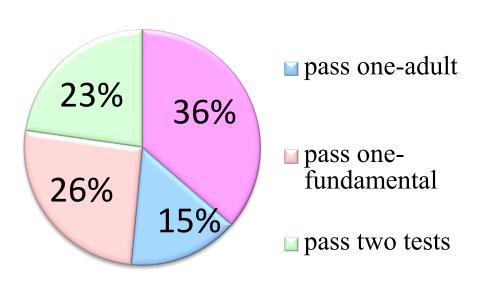


Pass Rate of OSCE Test

Experimental group (N = 42)

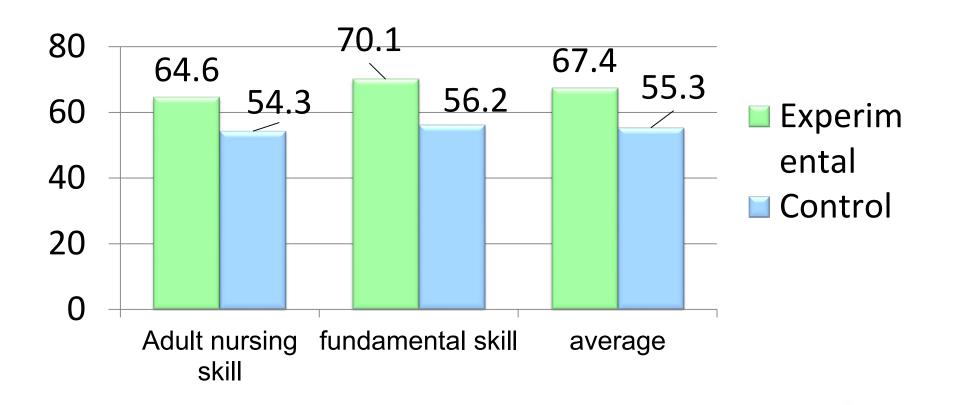


Control group (N = 66)



none

Mean Score of OSCE Tests



Scores of two groups in OSCE test

	Experimental		Con	trol	t test		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	р	
Adult nursing skill test	64.6	15.84	54.3	15.72	3.31	.001	
Fundamental nursing skill test	70.1	16.32	56.2	19.95	3.77	<.001	
Average score in OSCE	134.7	23.88	110.5	26.97	4.75	<.001	
Number of passed OSCE tests	1.5	0.59	0.9	0.76	4.42	<.001	

Scores of Clinical practicum

	Experimental		con	trol	t test	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	р
Medical- surgical nursing practicum I	83.6	3.59	80.5	5.58	3.50	.001
Medical- surgical nursing practicum II	81.8	4.23	79.8	6.21	1.84	.069
obstetric nursing practicum	82.5	4.57	79.4	4.59	2.63	.010
Pediatric nursing practicum	83.8	3.15	82.2	3.86	3.45	.001

Scores of Clinical practicum

	Experimental		con	trol	t test		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	р	
psychiatric nursing practicum	84.6	2.40	82.9	3.67	3.46	.001	
public health nursing practicum	84.1	4.10	81.0	4.76	2.23	<.028	
Mean score of nursing clinical practicum	83.4	2.61	81.0	3.30	4.02	<.001	

Results of ANCOVA analysis

模 式	依變項	F	р	Eta square
1	OSCE-fundamental nursing skill test	9.78	.002	.085
2	OSCE-Adult nursing skill test	9.22	.003	.081
3	Mean score in OSCE	17.05	<.001	.140
4	Medical- surgical nursing practicum I	4.50	.036	.041
5	Medical- surgical nursing practicum II	2.17	.143	.020

Results of ANCOVA analysis

模式	依變項	F	р	Eta square
6	obstetric nursing practicum	8.82	.004	.078
7	Pediatric nursing practicum	3.38	.069	.031
8	psychiatric nursing practicum	4.59	.034	.042
9	public health nursing practicum	8.89	.004	.078

Nursing Competence in two groups

	Experimental Mean SD		control		t test	
			Mean	SD	t	р
Nursing Competen ce-pretest	145.8	18.06	132.3	15.84	4.04	.000
Nursing Competen ce- posttest	146.2	10.91	141.8	13.68	1.65	.103

Results of Repeated Measured ANOVA

	SS	df	MS	F	р
Within					
time	1175.75	1	1175.75	4.30	.041
Time *GPA before enrollment	942.22	1	942.22	3.45	.067
Time*group	1845.23	1	1845.23	6.75	.011
error	24039.44	88	273.18		
Between					
GPA before enrollment	9.35	1	9.35	.07	.793
group	1988.16	1	1988.16	14.72	.000
Error	11884.87	88	135.06		

Learning Satisfaction of Students

	Experimental		control		t test	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	р
Satisfaction of professional knowledge	3.93	.704	3.41	.636	-2.914	.005
Satisfaction of professional Attitude	3.76	.912	3.52	.700	-1.099	.277
Satisfaction of professional Skills	3.90	.724	3.46	.647	-2.338	.023



Conclusions

- The simulation-based learning program was effective to improve nursing students' perception of their competence and learning satisfaction.
- Future research should continue to explore the effects of the program with larger and more diverse samples.